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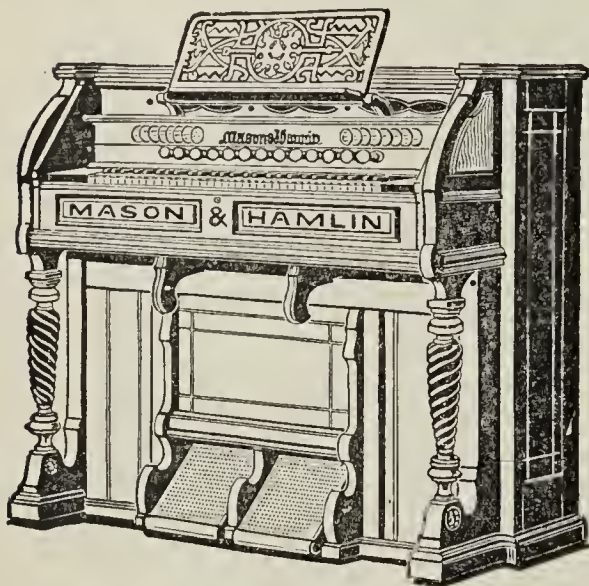
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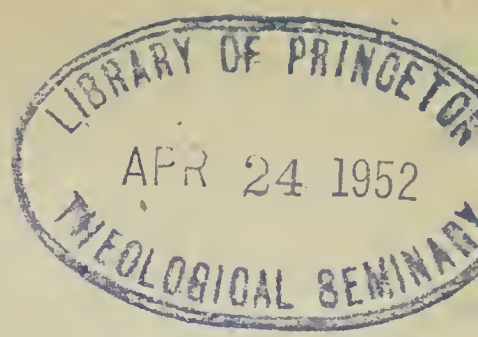
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# CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

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## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

LANCASTER, PA., October 6, 1897.

THE East Pennsylvania Annual Conference met in its ninety-eighth session in the Covenant United Brethren Church at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1897, Bishop E. B. Kephart, D.D., LL.D., presiding. The Bishop called the Conference to order and conducted the devotional exercises, which consisted of reading the Ninety-first Psalm, singing, "In God I have found a retreat," and prayer. After singing another hymn, prayer was offered by H. T. Denlinger.

A short address on the general work of the Church and district was delivered by the Bishop.

The roll was called and forty-six ministers and twenty-seven lay delegates responded to their names.

On motion the secretaries of the previous year were reelected—Z. A. Weidler, Recording Secretary, and E. A. G. Bossler, Statistical Secretary.

The Bishop was empowered to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

The provisional program prepared for the sessions of the Conference was adopted. The devotional hour to be from eight to nine o'clock A.M., under the direction of H. C. Phillips; business sessions to open at nine o'clock A.M., and two o'clock P.M., and adjourn on motion.

The bar of the Conference was fixed, including the first seven seats across the room.

Master Abraham Moseman was recognized as the page of the Conference during the session.

Rev. W. R. Funk, Publishing Agent, and Dr. Wm. M. Bell, General Missionary Secretary, were admitted to advisory seats.

The following special treasurers were appointed to receive the moneys of the Conference.

#### TREASURERS OF CONFERENCE FUNDS.

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Dr. W. M. Bell, General Missionary Secretary, made a short address to the Conference relative to his work.

Reporters were appointed for the following papers: Lebanon papers, C. I. B. Brane; Reading *Eagle* and Middletown papers, H. D. Lehman; Harrisburg *Star-Independent*, L. R. Kramer; Harrisburg *Telegraph*, J. X. Quigley; Harrisburg *Patriot*, H. M. Miller; Lancaster *Intelligencer* and *Morning News*, J. H. Witmer; Lancaster *Examiner*, H. E. Steinmetz; Philadelphia papers—*Press*, U. S. G. Renn; *Inquirer*, A. A. Long; *Ledger*, J. M. Shelly.

On motion a separate column was ordered to be placed on the chart for the recording of presents received by ministers.

The report of the Presiding Elder, D. D. Lowery, was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER.

*To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the East Pennsylvania Conference in Session at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Greeting.*

MY DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith present to you the report of my fourth year's service in the presiding eldership of the Con-

ference District, and in looking back I am pleased to say that, from many causes which contributed to my enjoyment, this was one of the pleasantest and happiest years of my ministry.

I surely should fail of giving expression to a proper Christian sentiment and my deep personal conviction of obligation to Almighty God for his tender care and Fatherly protection, and to you, for your kindness to and faithful coöperation with me in my work during the year just now closing, if I did not make mention of my keen appreciation, and express my heartfelt gratitude to my dear Lord and Master, and to you my brethren in the ministry and the laity.

*Deaths.*—Since we last met in annual session three of our number, at a ripe old age, having gone beyond the mile-stone of threescore years and ten in life's pilgrimage, who were called "to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light," took their departure in a happy and peaceful death. These were: Revs. A. H. Kauffman, S. L. Minnick, and S. Zimmerman. Further appropriate mention of these brethren will undoubtedly be made at some suitable time during our present session of Conference.

I desire also, as an expression of our warmest sympathy, to call attention to the bereavement of our brother Rev. J. R. Meredith and his family, who have recently been sorely stricken in the death of their son, Edward C. Meredith. He was a talented young man, full of promise for usefulness in the Master's service. He had attended the Moody Institute at Chicago, Illinois, and Otterbein University for some time in preparation for special Christian work, especially evangelistic work. He had already entered upon the active work of an evangelist, and while so engaged at Springfield, Ohio, he was prostrated by sickness and died in the vigor of his young manhood.

*Vacancy.*—The death of Rev. A. H. Kauffman, who had been appointed to serve the Marietta congregation under the care of the Columbia quarterly conference, caused a vacancy in the pastorate of that church, which was immediately filled by the appointment of Rev. Geo. C. K. Sample, a quarterly conference preacher of our Columbia church, who faithfully and very efficiently served the people of Marietta during the remaining part of the year.

#### THE CHURCH SPIRITUAL.

While we do not ignore our need of material agencies, we come to recognize more and more fully the significance of our Lord's statement, "Without me ye can do nothing," in the great work of the church. If we want physical comfort, social enjoyment, and pleasurable sensations of this lower sort only, we may have

these in adaptation of church building and furnishing and organization to the demands of public taste. But the church is a saving institution, and as such she needs above every other agency the abiding presence of her Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, working in her to *will* and to *do*. With this conviction I need hardly tell you of the joy and satisfaction it affords me to report a greatly improved spiritual condition in the life of our membership, and I have reason to believe that our ministers, as a rule, are more unselfishly devoted to the great work of their high calling than ever before.

*The Church Material.*—In my report last year I referred to three church-houses that were then in process of erection, which have since then been dedicated; these are, the church at Highspire, Rev. J. R. Meredith, pastor; at Intercourse, Rev. H. M. Miller, pastor; and at Stehman's appointment on the Manor charge, Rev. S. G. Kauffman, pastor.

*New Improvements.*—At Rougherty, on the Lebanon Circuit, at a cost of \$600, and at Sheafferstown, at a cost of \$1,200, on the same circuit, Rev. J. W. Boughter, pastor, the church buildings were so completely renovated and enlarged as to make them almost entirely new. The one at Rougherty has already been reöpened for service, and the other, at Sheafferstown, will shortly be completed and ready for worship. There were also some repairs made to the Brightbill's church, on the same charge. The Marietta church-house, Rev. George C. K. Sample, pastor, was much improved and beautified at a cost of about \$125. The Rhul's church on Manheim charge, Rev. S. C. Enck, pastor, was demolished by storm last fall, and rebuilt at a cost of about \$700. There were other smaller repairs and improvements, all of which I do not remember, and which I do not have space to notice here in detail.

*Church and Parsonage Debts.*—Commendable progress was made during the year in the payment of church and parsonage debts. In the summary of statistics a good percentage of the total in moneys raised reported, should be understood as having been secured for this purpose. It should give this Conference not a little satisfaction to learn that our church-house at Royalton, which more than a year ago had gone out of our possession under the sheriff's hammer, has again been secured to us by the indefatigable efforts of the pastor, Rev. H. D. Lehman.

The work there is now in a very hopeful condition. The building is not, by any means, out of debt, but it is put upon such a basis that, with care and judicious management, the debt can finally be entirely wiped out.

*Organizations.*—Several Young People's and Woman's Missionary societies and Young Ladies' and Gleaners' bands were organized and are reported as doing good work.

*Conventions.*—The annual gathering in convention at Steelton of the Young People's Christian Union, at Mt. Joy, of the Woman's Branch Missionary Society, and at Derry Church, of the Sunday-school convention, were all most inspiring meetings, both as to the large number in attendance and the enthusiasm which characterized the discussions.

*Camp Meetings.*—The camp-meetings at Mt. Gretna, Cape May Point, and Hillsdale were never more highly praised for the good results accomplished than this year. The Board of Managers of the Mt. Gretna Camp-meeting Association purchased thirty acres of land, including the tract of twenty acres covered by the lease. Some improvements were otherwise made, and it is expected from present indications, that quite a number of cottages will be erected in the coming year. The directors of the Sea Grove Camp-meeting Association are also planning to build cottages, and it is hoped that they may succeed in making that place by the seaside a place both of pleasure and profit for our people. A few cottages were built at Hillsdale during the past year, and others are building before the next camp season opens. This camp, held August 20–29, is doing good work. Eight persons were converted, and all the services were of a specially high character in spirituality. The people evidently go to camp there to worship.

*The Missions.*—The four mission stations, Mt. Pisgah, Pottstown, Royalton, and Pleasant Hill, are all doing fairly well, though not all are doing equally well. The mission interests of the Conference should receive our special attention. I repeat, as I have done again and again during the past four years of my eldership, indeed, long before that time, we must *concentrate*, CONCENTRATE, CONCENTRATE! In past years we spread over too large a territory with little means, and consequently we are still struggling to gain a foothold here and there with little prospect of success so long as we do not thoroughly acquaint ourselves with the situation and concentrate.

*Philadelphia.*—The oftener I visit the great "City of Brotherly Love" and study the conditions of life and church work there, the more convinced do I become of our mistake in continuing the work by the methods which we have been following hitherto, and also the more confirmed do I become in my convictions of the success we would certainly achieve if we were to concentrate our efforts and money and liberally support a movement which has been contemplated for some time, but which movement has not yet been put in motion, to establish our Church on a proper basis in Philadelphia. Your committee appointed at the last session of the annual conference, consisting of Rev. H. C. Phillips, the pastor, and myself, secured the quit claim deed to the Mt. Pisgah church property, so that all the incumbrances of

title are now removed, and the way is open for such action as this Conference may see fit to take. This matter, however, will undoubtedly again be brought to our attention in another form for further consideration.

In order to hold our people, moving into different sections of the city, to the Church, Rev. H. C. Phillips organized, early in the conference year, a class in West Philadelphia. Later, also, a class was organized on Thirteenth Street, near Girard Avenue. Both classes have a very hopeful outlook.

*Lebanon Valley College.*—As a part of this college, belonging to the coöperative union of conferences, I deem it proper to give it some recognition in my report. It seems to have just entered upon a new era of prosperity. The enrollment a few days ago was one hundred and thirty students, with several to be entered during the present week. The financial outlook was never more hopeful. We are so highly gratified with these results that language is inadequate to express both our joy and our gratitude. If we will we can make it the first college in the denomination in point of financial strength and effective work. Will we? Everybody with a soul in him answers "Yes!"

I shall not speak here of my personal work, giving items in mere statistics, for you all certainly know that all my time of twelve months was fully occupied, and yet I could wish to have done more and to have been more efficient. I can only conclude with this additional word: Profoundly grateful to my Heavenly Father for his great goodness to me, and sincerely appreciative of all the help you have so freely given me in my work and of your kindness to me at all times, I shall continually be mindful of you with prayer for your personal well-being and for the larger prosperity of our beloved Church. If in my imperfection and many shortcomings I should at any time have offended any one of you, I can only ask your forgiveness and prayer in my behalf, as I subscribe myself, your humble fellow-worker and servant in the gospel,

D. D. LOWERY.

The names of ministers of Conference not having charges were called and passed as follows: E. O. Burtner, Geo. Cavanaugh, J. B. Daugherty, P. E. Dietrich, H. B. Dohner, D. S. Early, G. W. Enders, D. S. Eshelman, S. D. Faust, J. B. Funk, I. M. Groff, C. J. Kephart, J. H. Kurtz, E. Light, Simon Mower, J. X. Quigley, H. U. Roop, G. L. Shaeffer, J. G. Steiner, S. L. Swartz, Jos. Young.

The names of A. H. Kauffman, S. L. Minnich, and S. Zimmerman, who died during the year, were referred to

Committee on Memoirs. A. M. Hackman and H. V. Mohn subject to committees.

The names of preachers having charges were then called and passed as follows: M. J. Mumma, A. R. Myers, A. A. Long, Wm. Beach, U. S. G. Renn, P. A. Bowman, M. A. Salt, G. F. Bierman, J. P. Miller.

Committee on Memoirs, G. W. M. Rigor, H. C. Phillips, A. A. Long.

J. P. Miller was excused from attendance at Conference on to-morrow.

On motion adjourned with the benediction by M. J. Mumma.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 7, 1897.

Conference convened at nine o'clock A.M., after the devotional hour led by H. C. Phillips, Bishop E. B. Kephart in the chair.

The roll was called and fifty-two ministers and twenty-two lay delegates were present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Revs. H. S. Gabel, Presiding Elder, and J. P. Smith, of the Eastern Conference, were admitted to advisory seats.

The hearing of reports was resumed, and the following ministers reported and were passed: E. Ludwick, C. W. Hutsler, J. A. Lyter, H. M. Miller, M. M. Weber, E. A. G. Bossler, C. I. B. Brane, J. W. Boughter, J. R. Meredith, H. C. Phillips, Z. A. Weidler, C. G. F. Miller, S. C. Enck, L. G. Kauffman, M. E. Bachman, H. F. McNelly, N. A. Kiracofe, H. H. Hoffer, A. L. Shannon, J. G. Smoker, J. F. Smith, W. W. Fridinger, H. T. Denlinger, S. L. Rhoads, Thomas Garland, G. W. M. Rigor, L. R. Kramer, W. M. Goodwin, H. D. Lehman, J. M. Shelly.

Dr. J. Dickson was granted an advisory seat and elected chairman.

Rev. E. D. Decker, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Conference.

A petition from the Mt. Pisgah Church, Philadelphia, was read and referred to the Conference Church-Extension Society.

The Boundary Committee then read the following report, which was amended and adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF BOUNDARY COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Boundaries, would report as follows :

1. That there be one presiding-elder district.
2. That Springfield Mission Station be called Springfield Station.
3. That Birdsboro be attached to Springfield Station.
4. That Pleasant Hill Mission Station be called Lebanon St. John's Mission Station.
5. That all other charges remain as they now are.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. LOWERY,  
H. B. DOHNER,  
H. C. PHILLIPS,  
C. H. YOUNG,  
S. R. GRABILL,  
W. H. ULRICH,  
J. A. LYTER,

*Committee.*

The Board of Trustees appointed by the special annual conference of June 12, 1896, reported a surplus of about forty dollars, which was returned to the treasurer of the Contingent Fund by order of the Conference.

On motion the provisional program was changed to adapt it to the conditions of the hour, as the minutes will show.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by J. Dickson, D.D.



## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at two o'clock P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by S. G. Kauffman.

The Committee on A. M. Hackman reported as follows:

We, your committee appointed to investigate the case of Rev. A. M. Hackman, met in this church, August 18, 1897, for that purpose. There appeared before us Brother Hackman, who made his statement; also statements in writing from aggrieved parties were presented to us. After a careful consideration of all these the committee decided that a trial was necessary, and so informed Brother Hackman, who seemed averse to this. The committee suggested to him that probably the Conference would be satisfied with a surrender of his credentials as a minister of the gospel, which Brother Hackman agreed to. He claimed, however, that his credentials were at present mislaid, but that as soon as found he would send them to the Conference authorities. The committee respectfully recommends that this settlement be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. MEREDITH,

J. G. SMOKER,

J. A. LYTER,

*Committee.*

The names of the ministers were called and the ministerial register revised. Geo. Cavanaugh was granted an open transfer. C. J. Kephart was granted a transfer to the Missouri Conference. D. S. Eshelman was voted into the itinerancy.

D. D. Lowery was reelected Presiding Elder.

H. B. Dohner was elected to serve on the Stationing Committee.

The report on Publishing Interests was read by H. F. McNelly, and after an earnest address by Rev. W. R. Funk, Publishing Agent, of Dayton, Ohio, and also one by Mr. C. B. Rettew, relative to the *Conference Herald*, it was adopted.

## REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We regard the printing press as one of the most powerful and influential agencies now in existence; and, aside from the pulpit,

there is no power which molds and controls the thoughts and determines the conduct of men, and finally opens the gates of eternal destiny, so completely as this great agency. But like many other good things whose advent into the world was intended only for the good and well-being of men, the press has been compelled to do service in the ranks of wickedness. It is, I think, almost needless for me to call attention to the vast amount of impure literature that is being scattered all around like so many evil seeds, and that is in league with the liquor traffic to destroy the homes and character of our people. We believe that the Sunday newspaper is responsible for a large share of this, and that every pulpit in the land should cry out against it, and also that every member of the Christian church should withhold his support from it.

However, we should only take a glance at the dark side of this matter, and our motto, as the conservators of truth and righteousness, should be to supplant the evil with the good whenever an opportunity is presented.

It is with great joy that we note the movements of the religious press in the production of tracts, papers, magazines, and books, pure and good as manna from heaven, that is being placed within easy reach of all.

But above all do we rejoice to see the Holy Bible finding its way into thousands of homes; and we believe that there never was a time when the Bible was read and studied by so many people as to-day.

To-day we have special reason to rejoice, because our own magnificent Printing Establishment stands in the front ranks of the great publishing houses of the nation, sending forth a continuous stream of religious papers and books; and that in the dissemination of the Bible it is doing a splendid part; and

WHEREAS, The prospect for future growth and usefulness was never brighter, therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That during the coming year we, the ministers and lay delegates of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, make a vigorous effort to place at least *some* of our own publications in all the families of our congregations.

2. That we take an active part in the dissemination of the Holy Bible.

3. We hail with delight the purpose to give to the denomination a library of theological literature by men of our own Church. We recommend that it be issued from our own Publishing House as soon as practicable.

4. That we hereby express our approval and delight at the splendid appearance, both as to the mechanical and editorial management, of all of our publications.

5. That we are especially gratified with the improvement wrought upon the *Religious Telescope*.

6. That the East Pennsylvania Conference hereby expresses its appreciation for the many years of faithful service rendered the Church, through the publishing department, by the Rev. W. J. Shuey, and that we also give the present incumbent, Rev. W. R. Funk, the assurance of our hearty sympathy and continued support.

7. That we recognize the *Conference Herald* as of great value as a medium of local religious news, and hereby pledge ourselves to place the *Herald* in every home represented in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. McNELLY, *Committee.*

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by C. J. Kephart, D.D., general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-School Association, who also made an address, after which the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

“Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord and read.” “Blessed is the man that doth meditate therein.”

This admonition is as emphatic and this promise as sure as they ever were. The need of a more general knowledge of the Word of God is as real and as pressing as it has ever been. It is too true of the Christian as it was of the Jewish church, “Israel doth not know; my people doth not consider.” A knowledge of the Word of God, like a knowledge of arithmetic, can only be acquired by personal study. This truth needs to be strongly and continuously emphasized.

The Sabbath school, the church's Bible school, is one of the best agencies of the church, furnishing both opportunity and inducement to Bible study. Hence it should be fostered most carefully, not as the nursery of the church, but as the church's Bible institute, the advantages of which are offered alike to all, and the assistance of which is needed alike by all. Let us quit talking of the Sabbath school for the little ones, and talk of it as designed for all. Let us at the same time do what we can to make it alike helpful to and alike patronized by all.

We most heartily commend the proper grading of the Sabbath school, the furnishing of separate rooms for primary departments, and the establishing and maintaining of normal classes and home departments, as promotive of the work of the Sabbath school.

We welcome gladly the efforts now being made by the editors of our Sabbath-school literature for its improvement, and recommend and urge its use in the Sabbath schools of our Church. We urge upon the consideration of our General Sabbath-School Board the importance of entering upon and carrying forward missionary Sabbath-school work as largely as practicable. The work that is being done for the improvement of Sabbath schools under the auspices of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-School Association, calls upon us to coöperate with this great agency for Christian enterprise in the various counties in which we labor.

With an abiding conviction of the great need of the general study of the Bible, we pledge ourselves to do whatever may be in our power for the advancement and improvement of this great agent of Christian effort during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. KEPHART, *Committee.*

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Jos. Young.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 8, 1897.

Conference convened at nine o'clock A.M., after the devotional hour led by H. L. Carl.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Rev. J. P. Koontz, of the Pennsylvania Conference, was granted an advisory seat in the Conference.

On motion, a financial claim of L. Peters, referred to in minutes of the Conference of 1886, was referred to the Committee on Liquidation of Conference Debts—J. X. Quigley, J. R. Meredith, and Z. A. Weidler, Committee.

Mr. C. B. Rettew, treasurer of Conference moneys, reported as follows, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE MONEYS.

Your treasurer of the various funds given below would make the following report:

<i>Name of Fund.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>	<i>Received.</i>	<i>Deficit.</i>
Conference Church-Extension..	\$1,157 00	\$866 10	\$290 90
Church Erection.....	496 00	392 00	104 00

<i>Name of Fund.</i>	<i>Assessment.</i>	<i>Received.</i>	<i>Deficit.</i>
Union Biblical Seminary.....	\$401 00	\$312 00	\$89 00
Bishop's Salary.....	302 00	290 50	11 50
Sunday-School General.....	233 00	189 02	43 98
Educational Beneficiary.....	92 00	83 50	8 50
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Total .....	\$2,681 00	\$2,133 12	\$547 88

Very respectfully submitted,

CHAS. B. RETTEW, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, PA., October 8, 1897.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE CHURCH-EXTENSION SOCIETY.

*Receipts.*

1896.			
Oct. 1.	Balance in treasury.....		\$1,209 42
Oct. 13.	Rev. D. D. Lowery, excess of Bishop's collection.....		9 00
1897.			
Feb. 4.	Harrisburg National Bank.....		300 00
Feb. 4.	Easter thank-offering.....		189 93
Feb. 4.	Conference assessments.....		866 10
Feb. 4.	Division of assessment for church-erection.....		196 00
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Total .....			\$2,770 45

*Expenditures.*

1896.			
Oct. 5.	Harrisburg National Bank.....		\$800 00
Oct. 6.	Harrisburg National Bank.....		225 00
Oct. 6.	Rev. G. W. M. Rigor, account of pastorate at Trinity Church from June 12 to September 30.....		60 00
Oct. 26.	Rev. G. W. M. Rigor, account of pastorate at Trinity Church from June 12 to September 30, in full.....		65 00
1897.			
Jan. 23.	Rev. H. C. Phillips, semiannual interest on Mt. Pisgah Church, Philadelphia, Pa..		25 00
Jan. 23.	Rev. G. W. M. Rigor, monthly, from October 31, 1896, to September 30, 1897, appropriation to Pottstown Church.....		300 00
Jan. 23.	Rev. H. D. Lehman, monthly, from October 31, 1896, to September 30, 1897, appropriation to Royalton Church .....		200 00
Feb. 4.	Harrisburg National Bank, discount on \$300 for thirty days.....		1 50

March 4.	Harrisburg National Bank, discount on \$300 for four months.....	\$6 20
March 30.	A. G. Saylor, semiannual interest on Pottstown Church.....	48 00
April 30.	L. B. Aldrich, annual interest on church lot, Harrisburg, Pa.....	216 00
May 31.	C. B. Rettew, Easter thank-offering envelopes, printing and postage.....	10 09
July 3.	Harrisburg National Bank, discount on \$300 for one hundred days.....	5 00
July 31.	Rev. H. C. Phillips, semiannual interest Mt. Pisgah Church, Philadelphia, Pa..	25 00
Sept. 30.	A. G. Saylor, semiannual interest on Pottstown Church.....	48 00
Sept. 30.	C. B. Rettew, postage and stationery....	1 56
Total expenditures.....		<u>\$2,036 35</u>
Balance in treasury.....		734 10
Total.....		<u>\$2,770 45</u>

Faithfully yours,

CHAS. B. RETTEW, *Treasurer.*

LANCASTER, PA., October 8, 1897.

The report on Church Erection was read by G. W. M. Rigor and, after addresses by D. D. Lowery and Bishop Kephart, was adopted.

#### CHURCH ERECTION.

With gratitude to Almighty God, we are enabled to record the fact that church erection is a rapidly growing interest in the United Brethren Church. For many years it was measurably side-tracked by the pressing demands of other church interests that were conceived to be of paramount importance. Within the last decade, however, it has taken on new life, and now it is forging its way to the front, and is demanding recognition as an interest of first importance to the permanent establishment of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in its onward march in spreading the gospel of the Son of God and building up his kingdom among the nations of the earth. And why not? Is it not a well-recognized fact that no congregation of worshipers in this day and generation can be considered a permanently established congregation until it owns its own house of worship? Hence any movement that tends to bring such a condition of

things to pass is praiseworthy and should be highly commended and substantially helped ; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we regard with great pleasure the growing interest in the cause of church erection in the United Brethren Church.

2. That its demands are just and pressing, and should be met as promptly as our people are capable of sustaining this important interest.

3. That we are in full accord with the effort to provide a church home for our missionaries in Japan, and rejoice that some of our people in old East Pennsylvania Conference are contributing liberally to that commendable enterprise.

4. That we urge upon our membership the necessity of increased sympathy and helpfulness for this important department of Church work.

G. W. M. RIGOR.

Revs. L. F. John, of the Allegheny Conference, and B. F. Kleffman, of the Pennsylvania Conference, were admitted to advisory seats.

E. W. S. Parthemore, Branch Missionary Treasurer, read the following reports, which were adopted :

REPORT OF BRANCH MISSIONARY TREASURER.

*To the Brethren of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Conference Assembled this Date.*

In presenting to you my yearly report I submit the following as treasurer of the General Missionary Fund for the year ending this date :

*Receipts.*

Balance in treasury October 2, 1897.....	\$1,599 59	
Received from various fields of labor, Conference session 1897.....	1,431 89	
Total balance.....		\$3,031 48

*Expenditures.*

Paid—		
Rev. H. C. Phillips, Philadelphia Mission.	\$300 00	
Rev. S. L. Rhoads, Mt. Pleasant Mission.	300 00	
M. W. Goodwin, Springfield Mission.....	50 00	
Interest on missionary debt.....	135 73	
General Missionary Treasurer.....	796 00	
Total expenditure.....		\$1,581 73

Balance in treasury.....		\$1,449 75
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E. W. S. PARTHEMORE.

## REPORT ON MISSIONARY DEBT.

*To the Members of the East Pennsylvania Conference.*

BRETHREN: In presenting to you a report on the missionary debt, allow me to say: Last year, after some debate on the report recommending a plan to bring relief to this debt, it was resolved to assess each charge sixty per cent. on the amount they had paid for general missions at that conference, which, had it been paid, should, or would, have yielded \$955.20. All charges but three have complied with the recommendations and instructions of the Conference, and I have to report the receipt of \$665.34. This amount has been paid on the debt from time to time until the debt has been reduced to \$1,934.66. If it were possible to collect the same amount as last year each year, it would take, with interest added, at least four years more to pay it. Yet, from some few expressions that have been made, and a very few actions that are known, it will be many years until this debt is liquidated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. S. PARTHMORE.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That from this time forward all moneys collected for Contingent Fund be applied to the payment of Conference missionary debt, except such funds as are actually needed to meet the actual contingent expenses of the Conference.

W. H. ULRICH.

J. A. LYTER.

In connection with the above the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That from and after this date no more money be appropriated from the missionary or church-erection funds than is actually in the hands of said treasurer.

W. H. ULRICH.

J. A. LYTER.

E. W. S. Parthemore was reelected Conference Branch Missionary Treasurer.

J. R. Meredith was reelected Conference Branch Missionary Secretary.

Jos. Young, treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Fund, read the following report, which was adopted:



REPORT OF TREASURER OF PREACHERS' AID FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance on hand at last report.....	\$414 11	
Rental received during year.....	159 00	
Received during Conference.....	174 00	
	<hr/>	\$747 11

*Expenditures.*

Paid claimants on fund, as per order last Conference.....	\$360 00	
Paid for repairs .....	25 21	
Paid for taxes.....	18 93	
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Balance on hand.....	\$342 97
October 7, 1897.	JOSEPH YOUNG.

The trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Board of Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society would respectfully present the following:

The property of Conference is in good condition and is not incumbered.

The condition of the treasury will appear in the treasurer's report.

We recommend the following appropriations: Mrs. Baltzell, \$75; Mrs. Peters, \$75; Mrs. Sanders, \$75; Mrs. Carpenter, \$10; Mrs. Kauffman, \$20; Mrs. Funk, \$20.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. R. MEREDITH, *President.*  
 M. J. MUMMA,  
 JOS. YOUNG,  
 L. R. KRAMER,  
 H. C. PHILLIPS,  
*Committee.*

Jos. Young was reelected treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society.

The Board of Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society was reelected.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Conference authorize the Branch Missionary Treasurer of the Conference, Mr. E. W. S. Parthemore, to borrow the sum of \$1,934.66 for the payment of the missionary debt of the Conference.

The Conference expressed by a unanimous vote their thanks for the courtesy and kindness of Mr. C. B. Rettew, who has published the Conference minutes for the past nine years, without expense to the Conference, and gratefully accept his kind offer to publish the minutes of this session.

The Committee on the Second Year's Course of Reading reported as follows, which was adopted as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECOND YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

We, your Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading, submit the following report:

There appeared before us M. E. Bachman, S. L. Rhoads, and W. W. Freidinger, whom we examined as per Discipline, resulting as follows :

APPLICANTS.	Dogmatics.	Homiletics.	Christian Evidences.	Church History.	Mental Philosophy.	Elocution.	Life of Edwards.	Sermon.	Average Grade.
M. E. Bachman.....	1½	1½	2	1½	1¾	1¾	1½	1¾	1¾
S. L. Rhoads.....	1¾	1½	1½	1¾	1½	2	1½	1¾	1¾
W. W. Freidinger.....	1½	2	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	2	1¾

1. We recommend that these brethren be passed to the third year's course of reading.

2. M. M. Weber requested to be excused from examination in the second year's course, and we recommend that he be continued in his present course.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. KEPHART,

Z. A. WEIDLER,

H. B. DOHNER,

*Committee.*

The Auditing Committee presented the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

LANCASTER, October 8, 1897.

We, your undersigned Auditing Committee, would report as having made a careful examination of the accounts of the treasurer of the Preachers' Aid, Missionary, and Contingent funds, and find them correct.

I. M. GROFF,  
J. P. KNISELY,  
*Committee.*

The Committee on the Third Year's Course of Reading read the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON THIRD YEAR'S COURSE OF READING.

Your Committee on Third Year's Course of Reading submits the following report.

We examined M. E. Bachman with the appended grades :

Dogmatics, 1½ ; Pastoral Theology, 1½ ; Logic, 2 ; Beginnings of Christianity, 1½ ; Analogy of Religion, 1½ ; Doctrine of Christian Baptism, ½ ; Life of Bishop Glossbrenner, 1½ ; Christian Ethics, 1½ ; Sermon, 2 ; Average, 1 11-18.

We recommend that he be relieved from further examination.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. LONG.  
H. C. PHILLIPS.  
C. W. HUTSLER.

M. E. Bachman, D. S. Eshelman, and I. M. Groff were referred to the Committee on Elders' Orders.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Dr. J. Dickson.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at two o'clock P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Thos. Garland.

The treasurer of the Contingent Fund rendered the following report, which was adopted :

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CONTINGENT FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance in treasury at last conference....	\$208 96	
<sup>1896.</sup> Oct. 1. Loaned of W. W. Sweigert for one year.....	100 00	
Oct. 6. Received of D. D. Lowery.....	4 00	
<sup>1897.</sup> Oct. 8. Received at Lancaster confer- ence.....	532 93	
Total.....		\$845 89

*Expenditures.*

<sup>1896.</sup> Oct. 5. Committee's expenses to Leb- anon.....	\$5 57	
Oct. 5. Rev. Z. A. Weidler, secretary..	10 00	
Oct. 5. Stationery and postage.....	2 96	
Oct. 5. E. A. G. Bossler, secretary....	10 00	
Oct. 5. D. D. Lowery, for programs....	4 00	
Oct. 5. W. W. Sweigert, six months' interest on \$600.....	18 00	
Oct. 8. C. B. Rettew, for legal and other expenses.....	150 00	
Oct. 10. S. L. Swartz, interest on \$300, 5 per cent.....	15 00	
Oct. 10. D. D. Lowery, for General Con- ference tickets.....	5 70	
<sup>1897.</sup> Mar. 26. W. W. Sweigert, interest on \$300, to April 1, 1897.....	9 00	
Oct. 1. W. W. Sweigert, interest on \$400, to October 1, 1897.....	12 00	
Total.....		\$242 23
Balance in treasury October 8, 1897.....		\$603 66

*Indebtedness.*

D. D. Kreider.....	\$205 91	
W. W. Sweigert, loan.....	400 00	
S. L. Swartz, loan.....	310 00	
Total....		\$915 91

J. X. QUIGLEY, *Treasurer.*

J. X. Quigley was reëlected treasurer of the Contingent Fund.

M. J. Mumma and D. D. Lowery were elected members of the Court of Appeals.

President H. U. Roop, Ph.D., of Lebanon Valley College, resigned as trustee of the college, which was accepted.

A. A. Long, A. S. Light, and J. A. Lyter were appointed a committee to nominate trustees for Lebanon Valley College.

J. M. Shelley, H. L. Carl, and C. H. Young were appointed a committee to nominate managers of the Conference Church-Extension Society.

The report on Missions, prepared by C. I. B. Brane, was read by G. W. M. Rigor. In connection with this report Mrs. J. H. Kreider, president of the Woman's Branch Missionary Society, bore greetings to the Conference, which were highly appreciated. C. I. B. Brane and Bishop Kephart made addresses, after which the report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Just before the Master bade his disciples a final farewell he placed in their hands a commission of higher import and wider significance than any that ever emanated from a temporal throne, saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Of course, the gospel deals wisely and well with all the temporal and material conditions of life,—with every aspect of human existence, indeed,—but its real power and chief purposes are purely spiritual and eternal in their nature, having for their object the overthrow and expulsion of sin from the human heart and life, the restoration of man to the favor and fellowship of God, and the deliverance of the soul from the pangs of eternal death. The supreme value and importance of this commission lies in the fact that through the faithful discharge of the individual obligation which it imposes upon every believer, as well as upon the church of God at large, the whole human family may soon learn, and multiplied millions of them preciousy realize, that Jesus Christ hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

“He speaks—and, list’ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.”

This wise commission—this magnificent expression of divine love for lost souls—fully authorizes and imperatively obligates every Christian to bear this good news—to tell these glad tidings to every person we meet, and to *send* the soul-saving message of Christ’s love to those whom we cannot personally see or speak to. Conscientiously speaking, no child of God can withhold obedience to this command, because it comes from the King himself. It clearly indicates our personal relation to the work of breaking the bread of life to the perishing, both at home and abroad, and calls upon every member of the Church to send and sing, with a consuming ambition to win souls to Christ, the substance of this joyous expression of appreciation :

“Joy to the world—the Lord is come,  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.”

1. Having experienced the saving peace and power of the gospel in our own hearts and lives, we realize that the one thing needful in human existence is a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ, and that our highest privilege and duty is to make the world of mankind acquainted with him as quickly as possible.

2. We experience a growing interest in the cause of missions throughout the world, and also a deeper, keener sense of gratitude to God for the grand results already achieved in that department of our work.

3. That we are in hearty accord with the missionary spirit of the age, and with the aims and efforts of our several boards in seeking to enlarge and render more efficient our denominational operations, especially in the foreign field, where our greatest obligation lies.

4. We appreciate our present opportunity in Japan, where God is giving our missionaries unusual success, including the promise of still greater things in the near future.

5. We greet the Woman’s Board with feelings of commendation, and congratulate our own Branch on the splendid achievements of the past year.

6. We find the *Search Light* very helpful in our work, and will labor to extend its circulation.

C. I. B. BRANE.

The following resolution offered by G. W. M. Rigor was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the Christian greetings from the Woman’s Branch Missionary So-

ciety of the East Pennsylvania Annual Conference, brought to us by Mrs. A. C. Kreider, its representative and president, and take this method of assuring our sisters that our hearts beat in warmest sympathy with them in their arduous work.

G. W. M. RIGOR.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Trustees for Lebanon Valley College was read and adopted, and the persons named therein were elected trustees of the college.

We, your committee appointed to nominate trustees of Lebanon Valley College, beg leave to report the names of the following, namely: S. D. Faust, Adam Forney, W. H. Ulrich, B. H. Engle.

A. A. LONG,  
A. S. LIGHT,  
J. A. LYTER,  
*Committee.*

The Committee to Nominate Managers for the Conference Church-Extension Society reported as follows, and the persons named therein were elected:

We, your committee to nominate members of the Board of Church-Extension Society, report the following: For three years, Rev. D. D. Lowery, Rev. Z. A. Weidler, Mr. S. R. Grabill; for one year, Rev. H. C. Phillips, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. C. J. Kephart.

J. M. SHELLY.  
C. H. YOUNG.  
H. L. CARL.

The Committee on Finance rendered their report, which was adopted.

The committee on the case of H. V. Mohn reported as follows, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON H. V. MOHN'S CASE.

We, your committee to investigate the relation of Brother H. V. Mohn to the demand made by the official board of Reading Boehm Chapel, on the Conference for the appropriation made by the conference at Ephrata, report as follows:

No pastor having been appointed to that charge by the Conference or Presiding Elder for that year, the congregation called Brother Mohn to become their pastor, which call he accepted. The congregation, believing that the following decision of the Board of Bishops sustained them in their action in supplying

themselves with a pastor, namely, that where no pastor has been appointed by the Conference or Presiding Elder, the congregation may call a pastor to serve them, the official board of the congregation based their demand for the appropriation on this decision. Brother Mohn, by virtue of his office, was therefore chairman of the official board which made the demand on the Conference. Bishop Kephart explained that the decision of the Board of Bishops in no sense intended that a congregation could call a pastor, when left unsupplied by the Conference or Presiding Elder, where there is a difficulty existing in the congregation interfering with the appointment of a pastor by the proper authorities, and collect the appropriation.

We have also been instructed that it is the opinion of Conference that Reading Boehm Chapel had no just grounds for their demand.

We recommend that the Conference do not accede to the demand.

E. LUDWICK.

C. W. HUTSLER.

J. R. MEREDITH.

The name of H. V. Mohn was called and his character passed.

The report on Sabbath Observance was read by L. R. Kramer. Addresses were made by E. Ludwick and J. G. Smoker, and the report was adopted :

#### REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We, as a body of Christians, believe that the divine injunction, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" (Ex. 20 : 8), is to-day as valid as a command as when given to Moses on Mount Sinai, and that it is the imperative duty of every nation and individual to obey it.

That the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, is the proper day for Christians to observe as a day of rest from all manual and mental labor, and that the same be devoted to services in the Lord's house, in meditation, and prayer.

That the command concerning this day of rest is being grossly and willfully violated by the law-making bodies of Nation and State, in holding business sessions, by manufacturers, running railroad excursions, trafficking in luxuries at our camp- and woods-meetings, buying and selling at home, in holding so-called sacred concerts, Sunday picnics, buying Sunday newspapers, and unnecessary visiting ; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we, as a body of Christians, enter our solemn protest against the desecration of this day by Congress or our State legislatures.



2. That we will positively not patronize the Sunday newspapers, nor ride on steam or street cars except to attend to our religious duties.

3. That we will, by precept and example, do all we can against buying or selling on the Lord's Day.

4. That we highly commend the Sabbath Association for what it is doing in endeavoring to maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath, and that we wish it God-speed in its work.

5. That the ministers of this annual conference preach at least one sermon on the observance of the Sabbath during the conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. KRAMER, *Committee.*

The report on Temperance, which was read on the previous night, was read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The battle is on, and the conflict is raging between the friends and supporters of the liquor traffic, the license system, and the saloon on the one side, and the friends of God, of home, and native land on the other side, and it behooves every man to find his place and take his stand, either on the God side or the saloon side, for there can be no medium ground in this conflict. It is just as true to-day as when Jesus of Nazareth said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

When the institution of slavery became dictatorial and dominant in the affairs of the nation, Abraham Lincoln declared that "liberty and slavery could not exist and prosper under the same government." That was true, awfully true, and in due time the destruction of slavery followed. But it is more terribly true to-day that the great principles of civil and religious liberty embodied in the Declaration of Independence, "that all men are born free and equal," and which was sealed with the blood of our forefathers, who purchased for us "the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and under which we have grown up and prospered as a nation, cannot live and prosper under the same government with the corrupting, debasing, dishonest, destructive, dictatorial, one-man-power producing influences of the "saloon in politics," and the liquor traffic, as we find embodied in part in the resolution of the Pennsylvania State Liquor League at Reading last week, which declares the legitimacy, morality, and perfect respectability of the liquor-dealer's calling, entitling it to the same protection and fostering care bestowed by the government on all other mercantile pursuits, and furthermore warning political managers that they, the Liquor League, are a greater power in political affairs than the

noisy disturbers who so unceasingly assail them; and, being thoroughly organized, they are in a position to demand that equal and exact justice to which they are entitled. How much that sounds like the howling threats of the slave-holders of olden times.

O ye Christian men (I need not say women; God forever bless them!)—I repeat, O ye Christian men, United Brethren men, I mean, do you hear these words of impiety, challenging the Christian manhood of this great commonwealth to the conflict with this monster of iniquity? And are you ready to cringe and bow at the feet of this modern Moloch that is holding the lash of money power over the political managers of our State, who are already in perfect accord with the rum traffic and are as corrupt as corruption itself? Are you willing to walk up to the ballot-box—the place above all others that *counts* in this conflict—and stand shoulder to shoulder with the drunkard-making, crime-producing, home-destroying liquor-dealers who have the managers of the dominant political parties by the throat, and cast your ballot for the candidates whom they indorse and control? If such a one there be, is it saying too much to declare that he has either failed to inform himself properly and fully upon the responsibilities of true Christian citizenship in this great American republic, or suffered himself to be blinded to the great issue that confronts the Christian voters of our land, namely, the abolition of the infamous liquor traffic. In view of the foregoing,

*Resolved*, That while we do not propose to dictate to any one his political affiliations, yet, in view of the fact that the ballot is our only means of redress for existing grievances, we do declare our honest conviction that no voter whose name is enrolled on the church records within the bounds of the East Pennsylvania Conference has any right, under the rules of our Church, to cast his ballot for the candidate of any political party that is not openly pledged in its platform to oppose the liquor traffic and destroy the saloon, with its debasing influence.

That we reaffirm the sentiment embodied in the resolution of the East Pennsylvania Annual Conference at its fifty-third session, in Zion Church, Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, on the first day of February, 1853, Bishop J. Erb presiding, namely, “That we approve of the efforts of the friends of temperance to secure the passage of a prohibitory law by the legislature of our State, and that we exert our influence to create public sentiment in favor of such a law.”

H. C. PHILLIPS.

Adjourned, with benediction by G. W. M. Rigor.

The following ministers were introduced during the afternoon session: Revs. A. B. Saylor and G. W. Marquardt, of the U. E. Church; C. F. McMann, of the Bap-

tist Church; J. E. Diverty, of the M. E. Church; W. F. Lichliter, of the Reformed Church; and Alex. Williamson, of the American Union Church.

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#### FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 9, 1897.

Conference convened at nine o'clock A.M., after the devotional hour led by J. G. Smoker.

The Committee on Liquidation of Conference Debts was reëlected, as follows: J. X. Quigley, J. R. Meredith, and Z. A. Weidler.

A letter was read from J. H. Kurtz, and the Committee on Resolutions were instructed to recognize his sad bereavement in the death of his children, by an appropriate resolution.

The following resolution, recognizing the valuable services of Rev. C. J. Kephart, D.D., while a member of this Conference, was passed:

WHEREAS, Rev. C. J. Kephart, D.D., has been for a number of years an active, honored, and influential member of this body, we express our regrets for his separation from us and give him the assurance of our prayers, sympathy, and best wishes for eminent success in the new relation he sustains in the educational work of the Church.

H. U. ROOP.

H. B. DOHNER.

On motion the report on Temperance was reconsidered, amended, and adopted.

The Committee on Elders' Orders reported as follows, which was adopted:

We, your committee to examine the candidates for elders' orders, would report that D. S. Eshelman, M. E. Bachman, and I. M. Groff appeared before us and were carefully examined as per Discipline, and we recommend them for ordination.

J. R. MEREDITH,

P. A. BOWMAN,

M. J. MUMMA,

*Committee.*

The report on Finance was reconsidered and recommit-  
ted, with the following instruction: "That the assess-  
ments remain as last year, with the addition of a column  
for Lebanon Valley College."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

FIELDS OF LABOR.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Conf. Church Extension.	Preachers' Aid.	S. S. General Fund.	Church Erection.	U. B. Seminary.	Educational Ben- eficiary Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Bishop's Salary.	Lebanon Valley College Fund.	Mission Debt Fund, 1896.
Annville .....	\$58	\$80	\$11	\$9	\$34	\$30	\$5	\$40	\$18	\$15	\$30 00
Centerville.....	16	10	2	2	8	3	1	8	4	2	.....
Columbia.....	52	60	8	17	20	20	5	25	12	12	18 00
East Harrisburg Circuit.....	31	15	4	6	8	7	2	10	7	5	.....
Ephrata.....	33	30	6	4	12	12	2	15	7	6	43 00
Fishburn Circuit.....	36	33	8	8	10	13	2	15	7	6	3 00
Florin Circuit.....	36	25	4	4	15	12	2	20	9	7	.....
Grantville Circuit.....	38	28	6	8	10	10	3	20	10	7	.....
Halifax .....	28	20	3	4	12	6	2	24	5	5	.....
Harrisburg Memorial.....	58	80	11	11	34	30	5	40	18	16	96 00
Harrisburg Derry Street.....	38	53	5	7	15	10	2	20	10	9	.....
Highspire.....	36	33	4	5	15	10	3	25	8	7	6 00
Hummelstown.....	33	37	8	5	12	12	3	25	8	7	.....
Intercourse .....	27	20	3	6	9	6	2	20	6	5	.....
Jacksonville.....	38	33	4	5	12	9	2	25	7	7	13 75
Lancaster .....	36	40	6	7	12	10	2	25	10	8	.....
Lebanon Trinity.....	54	80	11	11	34	30	5	40	18	14	.....
Lebanon St. Johns.....	10	6	2	2	4	3	1	10	2	2	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	22	10	2	5	4	2	1	8	5	3	4 00
Lititz .....	24	20	2	4	3	4	1	15	4	4	.....
Manheim .....	33	27	3	9	12	12	2	15	7	6	.....
Manor .....	33	22	3	5	15	12	2	25	7	6	.....
Middletown.....	33	20	4	5	15	8	2	20	7	6	.....
Mont Clare .....	12	7	2	2	4	3	1	8	.....	2	.....
Mt. Joy .....	33	25	4	3	12	10	3	20	8	5	21 00
Mt. Joy Circuit .....	33	20	4	5	8	12	2	10	5	4	14 00
Mountville.....	36	60	7	5	15	13	3	25	9	9	.....
New Holland .....	36	26	5	9	10	12	3	18	12	7	.....
Oberlin .....	30	15	3	5	10	4	2	12	6	5	.....
Paradise.....	25	22	3	3	12	6	2	15	4	5	.....
Pequea.....	33	20	4	5	15	8	2	15	6	6	6 91
Penbrook .....	30	20	4	7	10	4	2	15	7	6	.....
Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah .....	27	8	3	3	7	5	2	10	4	3	.....
Philadelphia St Paul.....	18	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	.....	.....
Pottstown.....	12	8	2	2	4	3	1	7	4	2	.....
Reading Otterbein .....	40	40	4	7	20	12	3	20	10	6	27 00
Royalton.....	24	15	3	6	12	8	2	15	6	4	.....
Stelton.....	38	52	8	11	20	17	3	25	12	10	.....
St. John's .....	25	15	3	5	4	4	1	15	5	4	.....
Springfield.....	20	20	5	5	7	8	2	14	6	2	6 00
Total.....	\$1,275	\$1,157	\$185	\$233	\$496	\$401	\$92	\$736	\$302	\$245	\$288 66

The report on Education was read and amended and  
adopted.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To teach has always been one of the chief functions of the Christian church. Its Founder is the kingliest teacher of the ages; and so essential did he deem the development of man's powers to be that the first duty he enjoined upon his church in his great commission to it was to "teach all nations."

So long as the church remained obedient to this divine precept neither taunts of men, nor the edicts of kings, nor the horrors of persecution could despoil it of its influence and power in the world. But when a chosen few arrogated to themselves the privilege and blessedness of knowing, while the education of the masses was neglected, there came as a result the darkest ages recorded in history. And just as soon as the church again did its duty by its children, so soon did the curse of superstition and the blight of bigotry and credulity pass away.

Now it is argued, however, that the state has largely usurped the place of the church in educational matters, in that it has established excellent public and industrial schools and magnificent universities; therefore, the church need not burden itself with such institutions. But let it be remembered that the state interests itself most largely in the development of those powers only which best reciprocate its commercial spirit; and while there may be differences of opinion as to what these powers are, it is very evident that a money value rather than a soul value is the basis of state education. Hence there is not only room, but urgent need, for schools in which all the powers of man—hand, head, and heart—may be developed and cultivated. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we heartily endorse the action of the last General Conference in demanding a higher standard of educational qualifications from those entering the ministry than has hitherto obtained.

2. That we urge all the young people of our Church, so far as possible, to avail themselves of the privileges and blessings of higher Christian education; and that we especially urge those who contemplate entering the ministry to complete a classical course of study in one of our colleges, and the theological course in Union Biblical Seminary.

3. That we hereby bear testimony to the ability and faithfulness of E. Benj. Bierman, Ph.D., the retiring president of Lebanon Valley College, in the administration of its affairs during his term of office.

4. That we rejoice in the success of President Roop in securing such a large number of new students, and in making Lebanon Valley College an institution worthy of the confidence and patronage of all.

5. That we hail with joy the success which has attended the

efforts of Rev. H. B. Dohner in securing funds for the liquidation of the indebtedness which has so long harassed our college.

6. That we pledge renewed devotion to the college and give special recognition to "College Day" during this year.

7. That we recognize in Union Biblical Seminary an institution that is indispensable for the professional training of our ministry, and necessary to the life of our denomination.

8. That we will also apportion the usual assessments for these interests to the various fields of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LYTER.

In connection with this report President H. U. Roop, Ph.D., read his first annual report of Lebanon Valley College. Adopted.

#### REPORT OF LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE.

The mission of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, which has always been comprehensive, should be intensive along at least two lines. She must never abate any of her force in efforts to bring men to repentance and to establish them in the spiritual kingdom. She must do this by the spirit of Christ. She must keep her power always infinitely greater than her machinery.

The world needs more religion than ever in all the centuries. But it needs it taught and applied more intelligently. It demands its grace with wisdom, its salvation with knowledge.

The mission of the college, like that of the Church, is to save men from sin and to train them for intelligent Christian citizenship.

Lebanon Valley College has been founded as the institution through which we may do our part in the great work of Christian education for our country, and especially that we may provide for the educational needs of the Church, promote her prosperity, and develop her power.

During its short career it has had to do its work under the disadvantage of constant want of means. Without the pecuniary resources of many others, it has, by the fact of constant endeavor to educate thoroughly and broadly, risen to honorable rank among the efficient colleges of the country. Its value already to the Church will be suggested to the mind of every intelligent United Brethren by simply raising the question, What would be the condition of the United Brethren Church in the East without the work of the college? Has any other instrumentality served the Church better? Has the money given by her in any other direction, in equal amount, been more

fruitful? The action of such a central institution is like that of the heart in the body. It sends its life-blood to all the extremities. Feebleness there is feebleness to the whole; strength there is vigor to the whole. There is scarcely another point at which, if the Church withholds and does the work feebly, the damage will be so pervading, widespread, and disastrous. There is hardly any other at which work done with a generous hand, and on a large scale, will do so much for the success, usefulness, and honor of our beloved Church.

As to the present condition of our college, I am pleased to report the largest fall term enrollment in its history. It will exceed last year's fall term enrollment by more than one hundred and twenty-five per cent., and that of any fall term by more than sixty per cent. The board of trustees, at its last annual session, made a number of changes in the personnel of the faculty. It gives me pleasure to say that the teachers are doing first-class work, which fact is heartily substantiated by the many commendatory statements from the lips of the students.

Our students are active in athletic exercises. Within proper limits that spirit is encouraged. A strong and positive Christian sentiment prevails among the students. All the religious services are largely attended. At least twenty-four are pursuing the Bible Normal Union course, and other classes for the study of the Word have been organized. Beginning with October 26, the Rev. C. E. Hurlbert, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Bible Institute, Philadelphia, will give to the students and friends of the college a series of Bible talks. These talks will be given in the college chapel at 11:15 A.M and 6:00 P.M. The purpose of the work is to create a greater love for the Word of God and also to learn the best methods of studying and teaching it and of doing Christian work.

The Committee on Finance found and reported (June 15, 1897) the total indebtedness to be \$41,000. Since then, some bills due the college have been paid, and through the efforts of our energetic field secretary, the Rev. H. B. Dohner, B.D., and your president, cash and *bona fide* notes have been secured, leaving the present indebtedness \$29,000.

During the summer extensive improvements were made in the grounds and buildings of the college. The Ladies' Hall was thoroughly renovated; iron bedsteads, springs, and mattresses were placed in every room; some of the recitation rooms were papered; the library, which, for a number of years had been in a very uninviting condition, is now in much better quarters, affording students opportunity for daily reading and investigation; baths have been provided in the gymnasium, the electric bell system readjusted, and the laboratory enlarged.

These improvements add greatly to the working facilities and

good appearance of the college, and the comfort of the students. There is, however, an imperative call for money—money for the debt fund, for a general endowment fund for the benefit of the college, and for the special endowment of scholarships for the benefit of such as are unable to educate themselves, cash donations for the purchase of books and apparatus, and money for the remodeling of the main building. (We hope to have a new music hall in the near future.)

As the classes increase enlarged facilities become more urgent. Should not the friends of the college respond to this call and help promote the rising tide of prosperity which under God has so manifestly begun? The time is *now* when the United Brethren Church, if she means to do her work and maintain her honor, must wake up to the necessity upon her. This is the point that calls for immediate, united, liberal effort. No local interest can compare with it in broad and far-reaching importance. If local work or other interests, however important and holy, be allowed to prevent a generous attention to this general and central interest on which so much depends, the policy must be weakness and damage to the best welfare of the Church. If any man has any of the Lord's money, as a faithful steward let him hear this call of the Master. If any one wants to do good with his means, to touch the very heart of the Church's work, make it tell broadly and grandly for the cause of Christ, and continue to bless with it long after he has gone home to heaven, here is a way in which his Christian desires may be attained. The appeal is made in the name of the Master, and for the sake of his cause.

With the prayers and assistance of the Church in the different conferences, there can be no doubt of the success of the movement in which we are engaged.

Respectfully submitted,

H. U. ROOP, *President.*

On motion, it was requested that each pastor observe College Day, the time to be left to his own discretion.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the program prepared by the faculty of the college and the presiding elder be rendered on College Day, and the contributions given be not less than their assessment.

J. A. Lyter was reëlected Conference Sabbath-School Secretary and Treasurer.

A. R. Myers was reëlected Corresponding Secretary for Union Biblical Seminary.



E. W. S. Parthemore was reëlected Conference Historical Secretary.

The Committee on Memoirs recommended the following:

That memorial services be held at 3 P.M. to-day, and that addresses be delivered by Jos. Young, J. R. Meredith, H. C. Phillips, and G. W. M. Rigor, interspersed with appropriate songs.

G. W. M. RIGOR.

H. C. PHILLIPS.

A. A. LONG.

The Bishop appointed J. P. Knisely, P. A. Bowman, and J. P. Miller a committee to nominate persons for trustees of the Russel Biblical Fund and also for a professor of the Russel Biblical Chair.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Thomas Garland.

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#### FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:30 P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by P. A. Bowman.

The following committees were appointed for next year:

##### COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

*Missions*—J. P. Miller.

*Church-Erection*—H. C. Phillips.

*Publishing Interests*—G. W. M. Rigor.

*Education*—H. B. Dohner.

*Sabbath Schools*—L. R. Kramer.

*Young People's Christian Union*—S. C. Enck.

*Resolutions*—C. W. Hutsler.

*Auditing Committee*—G. F. Bierman and H. F. McNelly.

##### *On Course of Reading.*

*First Year*—J. A. Lyter, E. A. G. Bossler, M. J. Mumma.

*Second Year*—A. A. Long, E. Ludwick, A. L. Shannon.

Licentiate—M. M. Weber.

*Third Year*—C. I. B. Brane, H. D. Lehman, J. R. Meredith.

Licentiates—S. L. Rhoads, W. W. Fridinger.

The Committee on Russel Biblical Fund reported as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee to Nominate Trustees of the Russel Biblical Fund and Professor of Russel Biblical Chair, would submit the following:

For Trustees—A. L. Shannon, Jos. Young, E. Ludwick, H. C. Phillips, Thos. Garland, J. R. Meredith, M. J. Mumma, Wm. Beach, J. A. Lyter, J. F. Smith, C. W. Hutsler, H. T. Denlinger, J. B. Daugherty, S. C. Enck, and H. D. Lehman.

For Professor of Russel Biblical Chair—J. R. Meredith, U. S. G. Renn, and J. M. Shelly. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. KNISELY.

P. A. BOWMAN.

J. P. MILLER.

The Conference Church-Extension Society made its report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE CHURCH-EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Conference Church-Extension Society made the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference appoint three persons to carry out the requests contained in a petition from the Mt. Pisgah Church of Philadelphia, and that necessary expenses incurred in this work be paid out of the Conference Church-Extension treasury.

2. That the Conference authorize the pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church to collect funds throughout the bounds of the Conference for the erection of a new church in Philadelphia.

3. That the expenses incurred by the pastor in carrying out the foregoing resolution be paid out of the Conference Church-Extension treasury.

4. *Appropriations.*

Philadelphia, Mt. Pisgah.....	\$400 00
Pottstown Mission Station.....	300 00
Lebanon, St. John's Mission Station....	300 00
Royalton Station.....	200 00
Philadelphia, Mt. Pisgah, part interest on mortgage....	50 00
Pottstown, interest on mortgage.....	96 00
Harrisburg, interest on mortgage on church lots.....	216 00

5. That the appropriations to Philadelphia, Mt. Pisgah, and Lebanon, St. John's Mission Station, be paid out of the missionary treasury, the remaining appropriations out of the Conference Church-Extension treasury.

Z. A. WEIDLER, *Secretary.*

D. D. Lowery, C. B. Rettew, and A. A. Long were appointed by the Conference as the committee asked for by the Conference Church-Extension Society, and were also elected Conference trustees for the Mt. Pisgah Church in Philadelphia.

The report on the Young People's Christian Union was read by President H. U. Roop and adopted.

#### REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN UNION.

This is an age of progress and development. The sun stands no more on Gibeon, nor does the moon tarry again in the valley of Ajalon. *Forward* is the watchword of the hour. Every Christian is called to enlist, to drill, to find his place in the marching column, and in the line of battle. Especially is this true of the young. They are to carry the message of salvation "to earth's remotest bounds," until the story of the cross shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we are in hearty sympathy with our "Young People's Movement" and will continue to give it our earnest support.

2. That wherever possible we will organize and endeavor to maintain societies, believing that the teaching force of such a movement is conducive to growth.

3. That we approve and commend the Y. P. C. U. and the B. N. U. courses of reading and study, deeming the systematic study of the Word of God, and our denominational history and doctrines, essential in the formation and development of Christian character and activity.

4. That we are in sympathy with the effort made to secure "systematic and proportionate paying," and will use every opportunity to enlist others.

5. That we commend to the young people's societies the *Watchword* as an aid in their study and work.

6. That we will encourage the organizing of junior societies, realizing that such societies are needed to train and prepare for senior work.

7. That we recommend the formation of catechetical classes, using Dr. Drury's catechism.

8. That we hereby instruct our pastors, in making out their reports, to report in the Young People's Christian Union column only the active members of the society they report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. U. ROOP, *Committee.*

A. L. Shannon, E. Ludwick, H. C. Phillips, M. J. Mumma, and Jos. Young were elected trustees of the Russel Biblical Fund.

J. R. Meredith was elected professor of the Russel Biblical Chair.

The place of holding the next session of Annual Conference was left in care of the Presiding Elder.

A collection was taken for the janitor amounting to \$5.28.

M. M. Weber was recommended to the Board of Education for aid.

The Committee on Resolutions read the following report, which was amended and adopted :

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, 1. That with profound gratitude we recognize the goodness of God in permitting us to meet in this annual gathering.

2. That we render due thanks to our Heavenly Father for his tender love and kindly care, and the measure of success granted us in the conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of believers, and the general success of our beloved Zion.

3. That we hereby express our appreciation that our beloved and esteemed Bishop, E. B. Kephart, D.D., LL.D., has moved within the bounds of this Conference.

4. That we highly appreciate the visits of Rev. W. R. Funk, our new Publishing Agent, and Rev. W. M. Bell, D.D., our General Missionary Secretary.

5. That we hail with pleasure the untiring efforts of President H. U. Roop, A.M., Ph.D., and Rev. H. B. Dohner, B.D., financial agent of Lebanon Valley College, and pledge them our hearty support and coöperation.

6. That we highly appreciate the impartial manner in which our beloved Bishop E. B. Kephart, D.D., LL.D., has presided over our Conference.

7. That we are greatly pleased to have with us Ex-Bishop J. Dickson, D.D., and highly appreciate his counsel and advice.

8. That, as death has entered the homes of Brothers J. H. Kurtz and J. R. Meredith, removing two children from the home of the former and a son from the latter, who was preparing for the ministry, we as a Conference extend to these brethren our sincere sympathies, and pray the benediction of Heaven upon them in their sorrow.

9. That a vote of thanks be extended to the newspapers of this city for the able and impartial manner in which they have reported the proceedings of this Conference.

10. That we hereby appreciate the kind reception of Pastor Bossler and the good people of Lancaster for the kindly manner in which they have received us into their homes, and extend to them a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully,

U. S. G. RENN.

On motion the treasurer of the Contingent Fund was authorized to pay ten dollars to each of the Secretaries, and also the bill for stationery and postage.

The Secretary was authorized to condense for publication all reports which are written very full, being careful that the sense is not destroyed.

C. W. Hutsler received from Mr. D. D. Good, of Lancaster, a cane made from wood taken from the floor of the Isaac Long barn, in which this Church was born, and in a very neat address presented it, in behalf of the donor, to Bishop E. B. Kephart, who made an appropriate and feeling response.

The Committee on Memoirs presented the following paper. Addresses were made by the following ministers: Jos. Young, J. R. Meredith, G. W. M. Rigor, H. C. Phillips, and Bishop Kephart.

#### MEMOIRS.

The Rev. Samuel L. Minnick was born at Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, on April 15, 1815, and died at Germantown, Pennsylvania, in the eighty-second year of his age. In early life he learned the cooper trade, and followed that vocation for some time. He was licensed to preach in 1852, and spent some years in the Pennsylvania Annual Conference, serving Littlestown, Rocky Spring, Greencastle, and possibly some other circuits. In 1865, at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he joined the East Pennsylvania Annual Conference, and served the Mount Airy Mission, at Philadelphia, from that time until 1869, when he was changed to the Parish Street Mission, which he served for two years, and was then changed to the Darien Street Mission, which he served during the year 1872. Since that time he sustained a supernumerary relation to the time of his death. He was in feeble health for some years before his death, but bore his affliction with Chris-

tian fortitude. Sometime before his demise, Revs. D. D. Lowery and H. C. Phillips visited him, and administered to him the holy communion and the consolation of the gospel that he had so long preached to others. His funeral services were held in one of the near-by churches, and his remains were laid to rest in the Ivy Hill cemetery.

The Rev. Simon Zimmerman joined the East Pennsylvania Annual Conference in 1849. Three years later he entered the traveling connection and served the following charges, namely: In 1852, New Holland; 1855, Pine Grove; 1856, Highspire; 1857 and 1858, Halifax; 1859, Union; 1860, Susquehanna; 1861, Hummels-town. For many years he sustained a superannuated relation, until he reached the seventy-eighth year of his age, when, on August 20, 1897, he fell asleep. His funeral services were attended and conducted by the Revs. W. W. Fridinger and D. S. Longenecker. His remains were interred in Union Cemetery at Reinholdsville, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Abraham H. Kauffman departed this life February 20, 1897, in the eighty-third year of his age. He received license to preach the gospel from the Methodist Episcopal Church at a conference held in Harrisburg, March 27, 1853. He was admitted to the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, at Mt. Joy, February 21, 1869, Bishop Glossbrenner presiding. He was ordained to the office of elder at Harrisburg, March 7, 1872, Bishop Weaver presiding. He was engaged as an active itinerant from 1870 to 1885, serving successively Mountville, Monocacy, Allentown, Conestoga, Highspire, Swatara, Middletown, and Yocumtown. Since that time he sustained a superannuated relation.

At the last session of East Pennsylvania Conference, Marietta appointment was placed under the control of the Columbia quarterly conference. For almost five months he faithfully served as pastor of this appointment.

Having closed a six weeks' revival service, in which about forty persons professed faith in Christ, he came to his home in Columbia for rest. He was immediately prostrated with typhoid-pneumonia. After five days of suffering he peacefully passed away, comforted by the gospel with which he comforted others.

His advanced years were characterized by his youthful spirit, and his willingness to perform any service by which he might glorify God. He was highly esteemed as a neighbor and Christian citizen. He found great joy in the public worship of God. On New Year's eve preceding his death, speaking of his advanced years and approach to the grave, he gave utterance to the thought that the year previous he had expected to die, but God had permitted him to live, and now he had made up his mind that he would not die at all, but simply fall asleep on earth to

awake in heaven, quoting the words of Jesus to Martha, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. E. Ludwick, in the absence of the Presiding Elder, D. D. Lowery.

Thus these aged servants walked with God; and they were not, for God took them.

G. W. M. RIGOR,

H. C. PHILLIPS,

A. A. LONG,

*Committee.*

On motion the Presiding Elder and the pastor of the church in which the next session of Conference will be held were appointed a committee to prepare a provisional program for the Conference.

On motion it was ordered that the final adjournment of Conference take place at the close of the religious services on Sunday, October 10, 1897.

The following resolutions were presented to Conference by G. W. M. Rigor and adopted:

#### AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

*Resolved*, That we hereby record our heartfelt commendation of the objects of the American Peace Society in its purpose to secure international arbitration, international coöperation, and international peace, and bid them a hearty God-speed in their efforts to hasten that golden era when wars shall be no more.

G. W. M. RIGOR.

C. I. B. BRANE.

#### CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL.

WHEREAS, The East Pennsylvania Annual Conference, at its session in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in March, 1872, ordered, by resolution, that the Secretary be authorized to record that as the seventy-second session of the Conference, based on the fact that the Conference holds in its possession the old journal containing the minutes of the old Conference from January 25, 1800, consecutively down to 1861, in the same volume, etc., therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we recognize the year 1899 as the centenary year of our Conference, and recommend the appointment of a committee of four ministers and three laymen, who shall arrange to celebrate that event in a manner that will be creditable to the Conference and Church and be helpful to the spiritual, financial, and denominational interests of the United Brethren Church.

2. That we invite the Eastern Conference to coöperate with us in observing this centennial, and authorize the appointment of two ministers and one layman to represent them in the committee.

G. W. M. RIGOR.	J. P. KNISELY.
D. D. LOWERY.	Z. A. WEIDLER.
H. U. ROOP.	J. R. MEREDITH.
J. P. MILLER.	C. I. B. BRANE.
U. S. G. RENN.	

The following committee was appointed by Bishop Kephart to carry out the above resolutions: East Pennsylvania Conference, Revs. G. W. M. Rigor, D. D. Lowery, C. I. B. Brane, and J. P. Miller; laymen, J. P. Knisely, C. B. Rettew, and Jacob Sneath. Eastern Conference, Revs. H. S. Gabel and W. H. Uhler; layman, I. B. Haak.

On motion adjourned, with benediction by Bishop Kephart.

The report of the Stationing Committee was read after the Sabbath morning sermon, as follows:

#### REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.

*Conference District—D. D. Lowery, Presiding Elder.*

Annville Station, D. S. Eshelman.  
 Centerville Station, A. R. Myers.  
 Columbus Station, A. A. Long.  
 East Harrisburg Circuit, Wm. Beach.  
 Ephrata Station, U. S. G. Renn.  
 Fishburn Circuit, P. A. Bowman.  
 Florin Circuit, M. A. Salt.  
 Grantville Circuit, M. E. Bachman.  
 Halifax, G. F. Bierman.  
 Harrisburg Memorial, J. P. Miller.  
 Harrisburg Derry Street, C. W. Hutsler.  
 Highspire Station, J. R. Meredith.  
 Hummelstown Station, J. A. Lyter.  
 Intercourse Station, H. M. Miller.  
 Jacksonville Circuit, M. J. Mumma.  
 Lancaster Station, E. A. G. Bossler.  
 Lebanon Trinity, C. I. B. Brane.  
 Lebanon St. John's Mission Station, S. L. Rhoads.  
 Lebanon Circuit, J. W. Boughter.  
 Lititz Mission, C. G. F. Miller.



Manheim Station, S. C. Enck.  
 Manor Circuit, S. G. Kauffman.  
 Middletown Station, E. Ludwick.  
 Mt. Joy Station, H. F. McNelly.  
 Mt. Joy Circuit, L. R. Kramer.  
 Mont Clare Station, H. H. Hofer.  
 Mountville Station, A. L. Shannon.  
 New Holland Station, J. G. Smoker.  
 Oberlin Station, J. F. Smith.  
 Paradise Station, W. W. Fridinger.  
 Pequea Station, T. Garland.  
 Penbrook Station, H. T. Denlinger.  
 Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah, H. C. Phillips.  
 Philadelphia St. Paul's, care of Presiding Elder and  
     H. C. Phillips.  
 Pottstown Mission, G. W. M. Rigor.  
 Reading Otterbein, Z. A. Weidler.  
 Royalton Mission Station, H. D. Lehman.  
 Steelton Station, J. M. Shelly.  
 St. John's Station, E. O. Burtner.  
 Springfield Mission Station, N. A. Kiracofe.  
 S. D. Faust, D.D., Professor in Union Biblical Seminary.  
 E. Light, D.D., Chaplain National Military Home, Dayton,  
 Ohio.  
 H. U. Roop, Ph.D., President Lebanon Valley College.  
 H. B. Dohner, Business Manager Lebanon Valley College.

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## EVENING AND SABBATH SERVICES.

On Wednesday evening Rev. W. M. Bell, D.D., preached from Acts 15:28, on "The Ministry of the Holy Ghost in the Church." The ordinance of the holy communion was administered to the members of Conference and all other Christians present.

Thursday evening meeting was held in the interest of temperance. H. C. Phillips read a strong report on the subject, and stirring addresses were made by Rev. M. A. Salt and Dr. C. J. Kephart, president of Avalon College, Missouri.

An educational meeting was held on Friday evening. The principal address was delivered by Dr. H. U. Roop,

president of Lebanon Valley College, followed by Rev. H. B. Dohner, business manager of the college, and Bishop E. B. Kephart.

On Saturday the interests of the Young People's Christian Union were considered. Rev. A. A. Long, of Columbia, spoke on "The Relation of the Young People to the Church"; Rev. J. M. Shelly, on "Young People and Missions," and Rev. Dr. J. P. Miller, on "Qualifications for Service."

The Sabbath services were introduced by a spiritual service of prayer and praise under the direction of Rev. J. R. Meredith. Bishop E. B. Kephart then preached an able sermon from Col. 1:20, after which D. S. Eshelman, M. E. Bachman, and I. M. Groff were ordained to the office of elders in the Church.

The Sunday school was addressed by C. W. Hutsler, I. M. Groff, Bishop Kephart, and Mr. Theodore Deysler.

J. A. Lyter preached the evening sermon from St. John 1:14.

Thus closed the ninety-eighth session of this Conference, rich in its past, but vastly richer in its future, through loyalty to God.

Z. A. WEIDLER, *Recording Secretary.*

E. A. G. BOSSLER, *Statistical Secretary.*

E. B. KEPHART, *Bishop.*

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## CAMP-MEETINGS.

### MT. GRETNA.

The Mt. Gretna Camp-Meeting Association will hold its sixth annual session August 2-11, 1898. This camp has been pronounced by those knowing well the interests of our Church the largest of all our camps. It is well located on the C. & L. Railroad, and possesses every convenience that could be desired—the best spring water, electric

lights, a neat chapel, dormitory, and boarding hall. Good boarding will be furnished at \$4.50 for the season, \$1 per day, or 50 cents per meal.

For further particulars, address either Rev. H. B. Dohner, Belle Grove, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; Rev. D. D. Lowery, 324 South Sixteenth Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; or Mr. W. H. Ulrich, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania.

#### SEA GROVE.

*Location.*—This resort and camp ground is located at Cape May Point, New Jersey, two miles south of Cape May City, and a short distance from where the steamer *Republic* lands its daily excursions for three months during the summer. You can easily reach the grounds from these points by trolley cars, which stop at the camp grounds when conductor is notified.

*Grounds Opened.*—It has been resolved that the Sea Grove camp grounds will be opened early in the season of 1898.

*Time of Camp for 1898.*—For the season of 1898 the camp-meeting services will commence Friday evening, August 12, and close Sunday evening, August 21, 1898.

*Grove.*—The grove, though small, is a model of beauty and adaptation to camp-meeting purposes, and no fitter “temple of nature” can be found anywhere in which to worship nature’s God.

*Pavilion.*—An excellent pavilion, 50 x 60 feet, erected on the camp ground, affords ample shelter in time of rain. It is floored entirely, which adds to the comfort of the worshipers.

*Office and Information.*—The office of the company for this season will be located at 2833 North Front Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Persons desiring information about this resort and camp will obtain it by applying there, or addressing Sea Grove Camp Association, 2833 North Front Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS.

## MINISTERS.

Entered Ministry.	Present Relation.	Classification.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	COUNTY.	State.
.....	E	It	Kephart, Bis. E. B.	Annville .....	Lebanon .....	Pa
1894	L	It	Bachman, M. E...	Grantville.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1889	E	It	Beach, William...	Linglestown.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1873	E	It	Bowman, P. A....	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1888	E	It	Bossler, E. A. G...	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1870	E	It	Boughter, J. W...	Royalton.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
.....	E	It	Bierman, G. F....	Halifax .....	Dauphin .....	Pa
.....	E	It	Brane, C. I. B....	Lebanon.....	Lebanon .....	Pa
1895	E	Ll	Burtner, E. O....	Gordonville.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1856	E	It	Daugherty, J. B...	Lebanon .....	Lebanon .....	Pa
.....	E	It	Denlinger, H. T...	Penbrook .....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1875	E	Sy	Dietrich, P. E....	1015 N. Third St., Harrisburg..	Dauphin .....	Pa
1878	E	It	Dohner, H. B....	Belle Grove .....	Lebanon .....	Pa
1861	E	Sd	*Early, D. S.....	Sixth & Kelker, Harrisburg..	Dauphin .....	Pa
1888	E	It	Enck, S. C.....	Manheim .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
.....	E	Sy	Enders, G. W.....	Enders.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1891	E	It	Eshelman, D. S...	Annville ..	Lebanon .....	Pa
1885	E	It	Faust, S. D., D.D..	Dayton (U. B. Seminary).....	Montgomery..	Ohio
1893	L	It	Fridinger, W. W..	Clay .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1871	E	Sy	Funk, J. B.....	Lancaster.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1871	E	It	Garland, Thomas	Pequea. ....	Lancaster.....	Pa
.....	E	It	Goodwin, W. M...	Blue Rock.....	Chester.....	Pa
1875	E	Sy	Groff, I. M.....	New Holland.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1890	E	It	Hutsler, C. W....	1508 Derry St., Harrisburg....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1891	E	It	Kauffman, S. G...	Millersville.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1893	E	It	Kiracofe, N. A....	Blue Rock.....	Chester.....	Pa
1880	E	It	Kramer, L. R....	Silver Spring.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1885	L	Ll	*Kurtz, J. H.....	Room 11, U'n Depot, Pittsb'g	Allegheny .....	Pa
1887	E	It	Lehman, H. D....	Royalton.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1855	E	Sy	*Light, E., D.D....	Nat'l Mil. Home, Dayton.....	Montgomery..	Ohio
1879	E	It	Lowery, D. D....	324 S. 16th St., Harrisburg....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1878	E	It	Ludwick, E.....	Middletown.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1890	E	It	Long, A. A.....	Columbia .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1888	E	It	Lyter, J. A.....	Hummelstown.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1869	E	It	Meredith, J. R....	Highspire .....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1892	E	It	Miller, C. G. F....	Lititz .....	Lancaster ..	Pa
1889	E	It	Miller, H. M....	Intercourse .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
.....	E	It	Miller, J. P., D.D..	258 Herr St., Harrisburg.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1869	E	Sy	Mohn, H. V.....	Shillington.....	Berks. ....	Pa
1869	E	Sd	*Mower, Simon....	Linglestown .....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1870	E	It	Mumma, M. J....	Enders .....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1890	E	It	McNelly, H. F....	Mt. Joy.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1893	E	It	Myers, A. R.....	Mountville.....	Lancaster ..	Pa
1873	E	It	Phillips, H. C....	2833 N. Front St., Philadel'a..	Philadelphia.	Pa
1878	E	Sy	Quigley, J. X....	263 Boas St., Harrisburg.....	Dauphin .....	Pa
1888	E	It	Renn, U. S. G....	Ephrata .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1895	L	It	Rhoads, S. L....	Lebanon.....	Lebanon ..	Pa
1854	E	Sy	Rigor, G. W. M....	Pottstown.....	Montgomery..	Pa
1893	E	Ll	Roop, H. U.....	Annville.....	Lebanon .....	Pa
1880	E	It	Salt, M. A.....	Florin .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1886	E	It	Shannon, A. L....	Mountville .....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1891	E	It	*Shaeffer, G. L....	New Haven .....	New Haven ...	Conn
1889	E	It	Shelly, J. M.....	Steelton.....	Dauphin .....	Pa

E., Elder; L., Licentiate; It., Itinerant; Sy., Supernumerary; Sd., Superannuated; Ll., Local; \* Absent.

## ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS—MINISTERS.

Entered Ministry.	Present Relation.	Classification.	NAME.	ADDRESS.	COUNTY.	State.
1888	E	It	Smith, J. F.....	Oberlin.....	Dauphin.....	Pa
1883	E	It	Smoker, J. G.....	New Holland.....	Lancaster.....	Pa
1874	E	Sy	*Steiner, J. G.....	Knoxville .....	Tioga.....	Pa
1871	E	Sy	Swartz, S. L .....	Middletown.....	Dauphin.....	Pa
1895	L	It	Weber, M. M.....	Annville.....	Lebanon.....	Pa
1881	E	It	Weidler, Z. A ...	519 N. Ninth Street, Reading	Berks.....	Pa
1844	E	Sd	Young, Joseph....	Annville.....	Lebanon..	Pa

## LAY DELEGATES.

CHARGE REPRESENTED.	NAME.	ADDRESS.
Annville Station.....	S. B. Grabill.....	Annville, Pa
Columbia Station.....	S. P. Black.....	Columbia, Pa
Centerville Station.....	Mamie Baker .....	Rohrerstown, Pa
Ephrata Station.....	Charles S. Yeager.....	Ephrata, Pa
Florin Circuit.....	G. A. Geyer.....	Florin, Pa
Fishburn Circuit.....	Israel Bowers.....	Middletown, Pa
Grantville Circuit.....	J. H. Kuntz.....	Union Deposit, Pa
Harrisburg Circuit .....	S. H. Eshenour .....	Linglestown, Pa
Harrisburg Memorial... ..	H. L. Carl .....	Harrisburg, Pa
Harrisburg Derry Street.....	J. M. Major .....	Harrisburg, Pa
Halifax Mission.....	David Sheesley .....	Halifax, Pa
Highspire Station.....	A. C. Hocker .....	Highspire, Pa
Hummelstown Station.....	W. H. Ulrich.....	Hummelstown, Pa
Intercourse Station.....	J. E. Elwerth .....	Intercourse, Pa
Jacksonville Circuit .....	J. L. Nace.....	Enders, Pa
Lancaster Station.....	S. R. Grabill.....	Lancaster, Pa
Lebanon Station .....	A. S. Light .....	Lebanon, Pa
Lebanon Circuit.....	A. H. Shenk .....	Shaefferstown, Pa
Lititz Mission.....	H. F. Hostetter .....	Lititz, Pa
Manheim Station.....	C. H. Young.....	Manheim, Pa
Manor Circuit.....	A. B. Witmer.....	Safe Harbor, Pa
Middletown Station.....	Charles Orth .....	Middletown, Pa
Mt. Joy Station.....	S. N. Eby.....	Mt. Joy, Pa
Mt. Joy Circuit.....	S. E. Myers.....	Mt. Joy, Pa
Mont Clare Station.....	James Laufer.....	Mont Clare, Pa
Mountville Station.....	J. H. Witmer.....	Mountville, Pa
New Holland Station.....	B. G. Good.....	New Holland, Pa
Oberlin Station.....	I. W. Yeager.....	Oberlin, Pa
Paradise Station .....	H. Steinmetz.....	Clay, Pa
Pequea Station.....	J. P. Whitaker.....	Black Horse, Pa
Penbrook Station.....	W. F. Enders.....	Penbrook, Pa
Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah.....	Ida M. Noviach.....	Philadelphia, Pa
Philadelphia St. Paul's.....	J. H. Sheppard.....	Philadelphia, Pa
Pottstown Mission .....	M. B. Gilbert.....	Pottstown, Pa
Reading Otterbein .....	Theodore Deysher.....	Reading, Pa
Royalton Station .....	J. S. Hershey.....	Royalton, Pa
Shaefferstown Circuit.....	Jacob Westenberger.....	Shaefferstown, Pa
Steelton Station.....	J. P. Knisely .....	Steelton, Pa
St. John's Station.....	D. F. Longenecker.....	Soudersburg, Pa
Springfield Circuit .....	W. H. Wilson .....	Blue Rock, Pa

\* Absent.

## STATISTICAL CHART.

FIELD OF LABOR.	NAME OF PREACHER.	CHS.		MEMBERS.						
		Appointments.	Organized Churches.	At Beginning of Year.	Received.	Deaths.	All Other Losses.	Members at End of Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
Annville Station.....	M. J. Munma. ...	1	1	271	44	4	13	298	27	.....
Birdsboro Station ....	Prof. J. A. Grier ...	1	1	52	33	1	20	74	12	.....
Centerville Station.....	A. R. Myers .....	1	1	68	15	.....	2	81	13	.....
Columbia Station.....	A. A. Long .....	1	1	448	58	6	15	485	37	.....
E. Harrisburg Circuit	William Beach.....	4	4	229	22	1	18	232	3	.....
Ephrata Station.....	U. S. G. Renn.....	1	1	140	8	2	15	131	.....	9
Fishburn Circuit... ..	P. A. Bowman ...	4	4	246	22	2	10	256	10	.....
Florin Circuit .....	M. A. Salt.....	2	2	236	51	3	20	264	28	.....
Grantville Circuit.....	M. E. Bachman... ..	4	4	319	29	6	24	318	.....	1
Halifax .....	G. F. Bierman .....	3	3	178	6	4	6	174	.....	4
Harrisburg Memorial	J. P. Miller .....	1	1	354	25	2	23	354	.....	.....
Harrisburg Derry St...	C. W. Hutsler.....	1	1	279	35	2	14	298	19	.....
Highspire Station .....	J. R. Meredith.....	1	1	176	58	1	18	215	39	.....
Hummelstown Station	J. A. Lyter.....	1	1	193	19	3	23	186	.....	7
Intercourse Station...	H. M. Miller .....	2	2	187	9	2	10	184	.....	3
Jacksonville Circuit...	M. M. Weber.....	5	5	254	10	1	19	244	.....	10
Lancaster Covenant...	E. A. G. Bossler... ..	1	1	306	54	4	28	328	22	.....
Lebanon Trinity.....	C. I. B. Brane.....	1	1	361	34	1	94	300	.....	61
Lebanon Circuit .....	J. W. Boughter ....	4	4	140	22	2	3	157	17	.....
Lititz Mission .....	C. G. F. Miller.....	4	4	144	27	1	23	147	3	.....
Manheim Station.....	S. C. Enck .....	2	2	286	23	6	21	282	.....	4
Manor Circuit .....	S. G. Kauffman ....	4	4	264	45	2	24	283	19	.....
Middletown Station ...	E. Ludwick.....	1	1	231	40	2	37	232	1	.....
Mt. Joy Station.....	H. F. McNelly.....	1	1	105	18	1	4	118	13	.....
Mt. Joy Circuit.....	N. A. Kiracofe .....	4	4	105	22	2	14	111	6	.....
Mont Clare Station....	H. H. Hoffer.....	1	1	46	8	2	2	50	4	.....
Mountville Station....	A. L. Shannon ....	1	1	161	19	1	16	163	2	.....
New Holland Station .	J. G. Smoker.....	2	2	306	42	3	13	332	26	.....
Oberlin Station.....	J. F. Smith.....	1	1	193	55	2	11	235	42	.....
Paradise Station.....	W. W. Fridinger... ..	1	1	135	14	2	9	138	3	.....
Pequea Station.....	J. Garland .....	2	2	189	21	1	15	194	5	.....
Penbrook Station.....	H. T. Denlinger ...	1	1	213	35	2	23	223	10	.....
Philadel'a Mt. Pisgah	H. C. Phillips .....	1	1	83	27	1	16	93	10	.....
Philadel'a St. Paul's...	H. C. Phillips & P. E.	1	1	23	2	.....	7	18	.....	5
Pottstown Mission.....	G. W. M. Rigor.....	1	1	21	20	.....	2	39	18	.....
Pleasant Hill Mission	S. L. Rhoads.....	1	1	76	13	.....	15	74	.....	2
Reading Otterbein.....	Z. A. Weidler. ....	1	1	194	5	2	27	170	.....	24
Royalton Mission Sta.	H. D. Lehman .....	2	2	166	55	3	4	214	48	.....
Steelton Station .....	J. M. Shelly.....	1	1	449	11	6	42	412	.....	37
St. John's Station.....	L. R. Kramer.....	1	1	168	25	1	4	188	20	.....
Springfield Mis. Sta ...	W. M. Goodwin.....	2	2	101	8	1	12	96	.....	5
Marietta.....	Geo. C. K. Sample	1	1	20	32	2	.....	50	30	.....
Total.....		76	76	8,136	1,111	90	716	8,441	477	172

Y. P. C. U.				SABBATH SCHOOLS.				LITERATURE.								
No. of Young People's Societies.	No. of Members.	No. Junior Soc.	No. of Members	No. of Sabbath Schools.	No. of Scholars Enrolled.	No. of Teachers and Officers.	No. of Libraries.	No. of Volumes.	Religious Telescopes.	Quart'ly Reviews.	Watchwords.	Our Bible Teachers.	Lesson Quarterlies.	Children's Friends.	Children's Visitors	Lessons for Little Ones.
1	95	1	60	1	406	41	1	213	43	...	21	.....	350	.....	.....	100
1	68	...	...	1	100	13	.....	.....	1	...	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	45
1	66	1	62	1	150	9	1	240	9	...	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	40
1	132	1	80	1	450	40	.....	.....	20	1	1	.....	425	.....	.....	125
1	29	...	.....	4	383	41	3	480	2	...	.....	3	175	.....	.....	75
1	44	1	64	1	250	22	.....	.....	12	...	3	20	175	100	100	60
1	80	...	.....	3	290	47	1	40	9	...	32	4	345	.....	.....	75
2	75	1	12	2	227	36	.....	.....	15	...	.....	.....	110	45	.....	.....
2	96	...	.....	4	472	73	3	550	17	...	13	13	390	.....	.....	120
1	35	...	.....	3	300	40	1	85	1	...	.....	1	300	.....	.....	95
1	76	1	45	1	431	54	1	530	40	2	3	38	400	.....	.....	80
1	98	1	32	1	375	40	1	310	20	1	11	28	275	.....	.....	75
1	94	...	.....	1	236	20	.....	.....	11	1	.....	13	200	.....	.....	75
1	66	1	46	1	261	31	1	430	24	1	21	23	175	200	.....	60
2	267	...	.....	2	177	27	.....	.....	12	...	1	9	140	.....	.....	.....
3	85	...	.....	5	375	45	.....	.....	15	...	18	6	380	.....	.....	150
1	33	1	60	1	300	16	.....	.....	10	1	6	.....	275	.....	.....	55
1	50	1	25	1	350	35	.....	.....	11	1	2	.....	200	50	50	90
1	85	...	.....	4	354	72	.....	.....	3	...	2	2	267	.....	.....	145
3	146	...	.....	4	252	35	1	120	5	...	5	6	235	.....	50	71
1	111	1	47	2	216	38	.....	.....	18	...	.....	8	150	50	.....	100
1	45	...	.....	4	444	50	.....	.....	9	...	2	.....	403	.....	.....	137
1	75	1	40	1	280	26	.....	.....	8	...	7	18	200	.....	.....	18
1	62	1	50	1	245	20	.....	.....	27	...	11	.....	225	100	.....	60
1	50	...	.....	4	242	58	.....	.....	12	...	.....	4	280	.....	.....	105
1	42	...	.....	1	87	13	.....	.....	5	...	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	25
1	58	1	90	1	258	14	1	395	19	...	.....	35	160	.....	.....	40
2	105	...	.....	2	250	29	.....	.....	28	...	7	1	175	90	40	55
1	65	1	80	1	326	20	1	100	23	...	.....	12	300	.....	.....	75
1	51	...	.....	1	220	8	1	300	26	1	16	1	120	.....	.....	50
2	54	...	.....	2	185	28	.....	.....	12	...	.....	.....	130	40	40	65
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	231	31	1	380	13	...	.....	17	225	.....	.....	50
2	50	1	30	2	231	32	1	175	8	...	12	13	239	125	.....	30
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60	6	1	260	1	...	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	50
1	31	...	.....	1	103	22	.....	.....	4	...	.....	1	95	40	40	40
.....	.....	.....	.....	1	190	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	.....	.....	75
1	60	1	17	1	210	25	.....	.....	10	1	6	22	225	.....	.....	90
2	55	...	.....	2	271	22	.....	.....	3	...	3	15	220	.....	.....	80
1	91	1	39	1	583	53	.....	.....	25	...	.....	15	400	240	240	155
1	60	...	.....	1	128	21	1	376	13	1	.....	.....	125	.....	.....	25
1	67	...	.....	2	148	24	1	83	1	...	6	.....	60	20	.....	25
1	61	...	.....	1	94	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	24
50	2,913	18	879	76	11,141	1,301	22	5,067	545	11	209	328	8,964	1,100	560	2,910

FIELD OF LABOR.	LITERATURE.				FINANCE.				
	Woman's Evangels.	Search Lights.	Botschafters.	Jugend Pilgers.	Pastor's Salary.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	For Church, Par- sonage, and Lo- cal Current Ex- penses.	For New Churches.	For New Parsonages.
Annville Station.....	39		4	3	\$850 00	\$58 00	\$200 00		
Birdsboro Station ...					106 85	16 00	190 17		
Centerville Station...	1				165 00	16 00	70 93		
Columbia Station.....	22	1			978 00	52 00	1,117 27		
E. Harrisburg Cir.....					463 00	31 00	181 50		
Ephrata Station.....	11	2			550 00	33 00	506 13		
Fishburn Circuit.....		1			450 00	36 00	120 00		
Florin Circuit.....					615 00	36 00	157 00		
Grantville Circuit....	1	1			475 00	38 00	155 00		
Halifax .....					437 92	28 00			
Harrisb'g Memorial.	61	11			1,220 00	54 00	968 36		
Harrisburg Derry St	16				900 00	38 00	1,611 32		
Highspire Station....	10				650 00	36 00	211 25		
Hummelstown Sta....	14		3		700 00	33 00	600 96		
Intercourse Station..					419 99	27 00	160 65	\$2,094 90	
Jacksonville Circuit.					414 00	38 00	150 00		
Lancaster Covenant.	12	3			825 00	36 00	227 00		
Lebanon Trinity.....	22	5			950 00	39 50	600 00		
Lebanon Circuit.....					300 00	22 00	1,500 50		
Lititz Mission... ..	2				575 00	24 00	273 73		
Manheim Station ....	6				600 00	33 00	425 97	500 00	
Manor Circuit.....					500 00	33 00	242 96	3,824 25	
Middletown Station..	8				670 00	33 00	307 40	486 00	\$78 00
Mt. Joy Station .....	17	1	1		620 00	33 00	170 27		
Mt. Joy Circuit.....		1			388 50	30 50	390 00		
Mont Clare Station...					279 50	12 00	108 47		
Mountville Station...	17				700 00	36 00	880 99		
New Holland Station	3				575 00	36 00	340 49		
Oberlin Station .....					534 00	30 00	653 85		
Paradise Station.....	21	1			490 00	25 00	168 69		
Pequea Station.....					565 00	28 50	160 00		
Penbrook Station.....	6	1			600 00	30 00	586 19		
Phil'a Mt. Pisgah....	1	1			464 00	27 00	217 35	183 36	
Phil'a St. Paul's .....					48 00	18 00	81 90		
Pottstown Mission...		1			125 00	12 00	139 27		
Pleasant Hill Miss ...					100 00	10 00	304 39		
Reading Otterbein ...		1			830 00	40 00	743 93		
Royalton Mission Sta	2	2			350 00	24 00	154 55		
Steelton Station.....	21	1			838 83	38 00	990 20		90 75
St. John's Station....					448 75	25 00	246 39		
Springfield Miss.Sta.					252 77	16 00	195 39		
Marietta .....					91 00		158 91		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$22,115 11</b>	<b>\$1,261 50</b>	<b>\$16,669 33</b>	<b>\$7,088 51</b>	<b>\$168 75</b>



FINANCE.

Collected for Local Sabbath-School Purposes.	General Collection for Missions.	Thank-Offering for Missions.	Special for Missions.	Woman's Missionary Association.	Sabbath Schools for Missions.	Y. P. C. U. for Missions.	Total for Missions.	Church Erection, Assessment.	Church Erection, Special.
\$162 81	\$100 00	\$8 50	\$7 18	\$651 53	\$78 49	\$7 18	\$797 21	\$24 00	.....
28 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....
73 50	13 18	6 01	.....	13 49	.....	.....	52 68	8 00	.....
274 17	97 22	12 00	.....	83 37	45 00	15 17	247 59	20 00	.....
130 87	25 50	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 50	8 00	.....
166 51	65 50	3 20	5 50	37 97	.....	.....	112 17	12 00	.....
150 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 00	8 00	.....
82 00	25 00	7 94	9 39	.....	9 39	.....	57 33	15 00	.....
145 00	16 90	13 70	23 10	8 50	3 10	.....	74 20	10 00	.....
92 25	11 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00	3 00	.....
353 80	123 63	54 17	53 76	370 56	83 03	53 76	602 12	34 00	\$32 00
126 63	35 00	10 00	50 75	52 25	.....	.....	148 00	15 00	5 00
88 52	21 00	5 00	.....	23 42	.....	.....	49 42	5 00	.....
123 80	57 80	10 75	5 72	152 22	.....	10 00	256 49	12 00	.....
132 13	15 00	1 63	.....	.....	3 50	1 08	29 63	9 00	.....
85 00	25 75	13 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 18	5 00	.....
88 29	108 00	25 00	104 50	177 00	35 65	10 00	477 50	12 00	.....
119 45	40 00	.....	65 00	181 00	.....	.....	286 00	10 00	.....
204 75	14 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	24 00	4 00	.....
150 00	30 00	7 50	.....	17 35	.....	.....	67 85	3 00	.....
103 98	35 00	.....	4 60	45 00	.....	.....	105 60	12 00	.....
189 69	23 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	2 00	32 00	15 00	.....
170 73	15 00	1 50	.....	43 60	7 75	.....	82 10	15 00	.....
108 37	53 40	6 00	.....	100 00	.....	.....	170 90	12 00	.....
90 00	15 00	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	20 50	8 00	.....
71 19	.....	2 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....
154 00	79 00	13 75	18 75	335 85	43 00	18 75	489 35	15 00	.....
105 56	31 55	.....	10 54	19 04	8 43	.....	79 13	10 00	.....
94 51	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 00	10 00	.....
45 42	18 35	12 00	16 75	82 22	10 35	2 00	162 32	12 00	5 00
39 00	16 01	.....	5 99	.....	5 99	.....	28 09	.....	.....
159 71	79 50	.....	.....	16 75	.....	.....	133 25	10 00	.....
145 93	37 50	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 80	7 00	.....
80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
51 20	4 12	1 00	.....	4 25	.....	.....	12 37	2 00	.....
36 19	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	6 01	4 00
133 47	25 00	.....	.....	98 13	.....	.....	123 13	10 00	.....
131 01	3 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 12	.....	.....
365 97	30 00	.....	64 31	89 21	11 00	74 31	204 52	20 00	.....
112 90	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	15 00	4 00	.....
117 88	12 50	2 26	5 35	.....	1 64	3 35	30 11	3 00	.....
14 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>\$5,298 62</b>	<b>\$1,401 53</b>	<b>\$226 89</b>	<b>\$458 19</b>	<b>\$2,614 21</b>	<b>\$355 82</b>	<b>\$202 60</b>	<b>\$5,285 66</b>	<b>\$388 00</b>	<b>\$46 00</b>

FIELD OF LABOR.	FINANCE.							
	Sabbath-School General Fund.	Children's Day Collection.	Bishop's Salary.	Preachers' Aid.	Beneficiary Education.	Colleges, Acade- mies, and Semi- nary.	U. B. Seminary Assessment.	General Confer- ence Expenses.
Annville Station.....	\$6 00	\$9 16	\$18 00	\$11 00	\$5 00	\$1,836 03	\$20 00	\$6 85
Birdsboro Station.....	.....	1 52	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 90
Centerville Station.....	2 00	.....	4 00	2 00	1 00	28 50	3 00	.....
Columbia Station.....	17 00	.....	12 00	8 00	5 00	48 40	20 00	.....
E. Harrisburg Circuit...	6 00	.....	7 00	4 00	2 00	.....	7 00	.....
Ephrata Station.....	4 00	5 00	7 00	6 00	2 00	.....	12 00	.....
Fishburn Circuit.....	7 00	.....	7 00	8 00	2 00	.....	.....	7 50
Florin Circuit.....	4 00	.....	9 00	4 00	2 00	25 00	12 00	.....
Grantville Circuit.....	3 00	.....	10 00	6 00	2 00	2 53	5 00	.....
Halifax.....	1 50	5 31	5 00	3 00	50	.....	2 50	.....
Harrisburg Memorial...	11 00	5 00	18 00	11 00	5 00	250 15	30 00	.....
Harrisburg Derry St.....	5 00	.....	10 00	5 00	2 00	150 00	10 00	.....
Highspire Station.....	5 00	.....	8 00	4 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Hummelstown Station...	5 00	.....	8 00	8 00	3 00	42 50	12 00	.....
Intercourse Station.....	6 00	1 33	6 00	3 00	2 00	.....	6 00	5 30
Jacksonville Circuit.....	3 00	.....	7 00	4 00	2 00	.....	4 00	.....
Lancaster Covenant.....	7 00	6 20	10 00	6 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	.....
Lebanon Trinity.....	5 00	.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	1 00	7 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....
Lititz Mission.....	4 00	1 86	4 00	2 00	1 00	9 50	4 00	.....
Manheim Station.....	9 00	3 57	7 00	3 00	2 00	.....	12 00	.....
Manor Circuit.....	5 00	.....	7 00	3 00	2 00	.....	12 00	.....
Middletown Station.....	5 00	.....	7 00	4 00	2 00	.....	10 00	.....
Mt Joy Station.....	3 00	.....	8 00	4 00	3 00	79 00	10 00	.....
Mt. Joy Circuit.....	5 00	.....	5 00	4 00	2 00	37 85	12 00	85
Mont Clare Station.....	.....	2 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mountville Station.....	5 00	.....	9 00	7 00	3 00	178 00	13 00	.....
New Holland Station....	9 00	.....	12 00	5 00	3 00	.....	12 00	.....
Oberlin Station.....	5 00	.....	6 00	3 00	2 00	.....	4 00	.....
Paradise Station.....	3 00	.....	4 00	3 00	2 00	39 00	6 00	.....
Pequea Station.....	2 00	8 91	6 00	4 00	2 00	.....	8 00	.....
Penbrook Station.....	7 00	5 50	7 00	4 00	2 00	31 00	4 00	.....
Philadelphia Mt. Pisgah	3 00	.....	4 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	.....
Philadelphia St. Paul's.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pottstown Mission.....	.....	.....	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill Mission...	2 00	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	3 00	75
Reading Otterbein.....	4 00	.....	10 00	3 00	1 00	.....	8 00	.....
Royalton Mission Sta....	.....	.....	6 00	3 00	2 00	.....	1 50	3 00
Steelton Station.....	11 00	.....	12 00	8 00	3 00	.....	17 00	.....
St. John's Station.....	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	1 00	.....	4 00	2 00
Springfield Mission Sta..	2 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	90
Marietta.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$187 50</b>	<b>\$62 80</b>	<b>\$290 50</b>	<b>\$173 00</b>	<b>\$79 50</b>	<b>\$2,782 46</b>	<b>\$312 00</b>	<b>\$29 05</b>

FINANCE.					PROPERTY.					MISS.		
Presents.	Conf. Church Extension.	Contingent Fund.	Conf. Mis- sion Debt.	Total for all Purposes.	No. Ch. Houses.	Value of Church Houses and Grounds.	Debt on Churches.	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonages.	Debt on Parsonages.	Months Employed.	No. Minutes Wanted.
\$15 00	\$80 00	\$38 00	\$30 00	\$4,137 06	1	\$10,000		1	\$2,500		12	.....
1 00	3 25	2 50	.....	361 69	1	2,200	\$225	.....	.....	.....	12	20
10 00	13 40	8 00	20 00	458 01	1	1,525	23	.....	.....	.....	12	25
30 00	77 60	25 00	55 00	2,932 03	1	18,500	2,950	1	1,500	.....	12	125
49 70	20 09	10 00	15 00	964 66	4	3,930	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	75
30 00	30 00	15 00	.....	1,490 81	1	6,000	925	1	2,000	\$1,400	12	75
63 00	24 00	10 00	23 00	945 50	3	5,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	100
46 77	25 00	20 00	15 00	1,110 16	2	3,500	.....	1	1,300	542	12	60
75 00	19 00	11 00	12 00	1,030 73	4	11,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	100
.....	4 50	4 00	.....	603 48	3	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	60
.....	106 12	40 00	.....	3,740 55	1	18,500	.....	1	3,500	.....	12	.....
.....	50 00	20 00	.....	3,095 95	1	10,000	500	1	3,500	3,000	12	70
25 00	23 25	12 50	.....	1,122 94	1	10,000	2,500	1	2,000	140	12	75
122 28	49 65	25 00	30 00	2,001 68	1	7,000	.....	1	1,850	700	12	100
28 00	6 00	2 30	13 00	2,939 23	2	5,800	2,499	1	1,000	65	12	50
25 00	4 32	2 00	4 25	761 50	5	5,200	.....	1	1,125	.....	12	75
50 00	43 60	25 00	63 00	1,835 59	1	8,500	.....	1	1,500	.....	12	150
63 00	.....	.....	.....	2,107 95	1	17,000	1,900	1	4,000	1,200	12	.....
15 00	.....	3 00	4 00	2,090 25	3	5,000	500	.....	.....	.....	12	75
73 45	25 65	15 00	13 00	1,234 04	3	6,000	890	1	1,700	1,572	12	65
30 60	27 00	15 00	21 00	1,889 72	2	4,500	.....	1	1,400	1,000	12	135
50 00	22 00	25 00	9 00	4,962 90	4	8,400	1,050	.....	.....	.....	12	60
25 00	20 00	20 00	22 00	1,935 23	1	12,000	5,150	1	1,700	1,100	12	140
52 50	30 00	20 00	11 50	1,324 04	1	6,000	.....	1	2,000	450	12	.....
70 00	5 50	10 00	.....	1,079 70	4	5,858	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....
74 00	.....	.....	3 00	555 10	1	3,500	425	.....	.....	.....	12	30
20 00	70 00	25 00	42 00	2,605 34	1	6,500	.....	1	2,500	.....	12	.....
30 00	26 00	18 00	18 00	1,261 18	2	5,500	.....	1	1,500	.....	12	.....
18 00	15 00	12 00	19 00	1,456 36	1	5,000	.....	1	800	350	12	60
10 00	27 60	15 00	33 00	1,018 03	1	5,000	.....	1	800	.....	12	60
.....	12 00	5 00	6 09	876 50	2	3,261	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50
15 00	20 00	15 00	37 00	1,629 65	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50
19 75	12 25	10 00	25 00	1,176 44	1	4,000	2,000	.....	.....	.....	12	110
.....	.....	.....	.....	227 90	1	2,000	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
9 05	10 30	3 00	3 00	369 69	1	5,000	1,725	.....	.....	.....	12	30
21 50	1 60	8 63	.....	506 06	1	3,000	1,500	.....	.....	.....	12	.....
30 00	23 00	10 00	.....	1,969 63	1	6,000	550	1	3,000	1,900	12	.....
28 65	.....	.....	2 00	723 56	1	1,200	300	.....	.....	.....	12	114
25 00	57 30	25 00	21 00	2,706 57	1	13,000	3,000	.....	.....	.....	12	175
21 00	9 00	9 50	5 00	911 04	1	4,000	800	.....	.....	.....	12	75
31 50	5 00	.....	10 00	660 55	2	4,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	25
4 00	.....	.....	.....	268 31	1	1,000	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
<b>\$1,307 75</b>	<b>\$998 98</b>	<b>\$533 93</b>	<b>\$584 84</b>	<b>\$65,078 95</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$273,074</b>	<b>\$30,412</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$41,175</b>	<b>\$13,422</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>2,459</b>

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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*Churches*—Appointments, 76; organized churches, 76.

*Ministers*—Active, 41; superannuated, 4; supernumerary, 11; local, 3. Total, 59.

*Members*—At the beginning of the year, 8,136; received, 1,111; deaths, 90; all other losses, 716; at the end of the year, 8,441; increase, 477; decrease, 172; net increase, 305.

*Young People's Christian Union*—Number of societies, 50; number of members, 2,913; number of Junior societies, 18; number of members, 879.

*Sabbath Schools*—Number of schools, 76; number of scholars enrolled, 11,141; number of teachers and officers, 1,301; number of libraries, 22; number of volumes, 5,067.

*Literature*—*Religious Telescopes*, 545; *Quarterly Reviews*, 11; *Watchwords*, 209; *Bible Teachers*, 328; *Lesson Quarterlies*, 8,964; *Children's Friends*, 1,100; *Children's Visitors*, 560; *Lessons for the Little Ones*, 2,910; *Woman's Evangels*, 313; *Search Lights*, 34; *Botschafters*, 8; *Jugend Pilgers*, 3.

*Finance*—Pastors' salaries, \$22,115.11; value of presents, \$1,307.75; local church and parsonage expenses, \$16,669.33; presiding elder's salary, \$1,261.50; bishop's collection, \$290.50; new churches, \$7,088.51; new parsonages, \$168.75; Preachers' Aid, \$173; local Sabbath-school collections, \$5,298.62; general collection for missions, \$1,401.53; thank-offerings for foreign missions, \$226.89; Woman's missions, \$2,614.21; special for missions, \$458.19; Conference Mission Debt Fund, \$584.84; Y. P. C. U. for missions, \$202.60; total for missions, \$5,285.66; Sabbath schools for missions, \$355.82; Church-Erection Fund, \$388; Church-Erection special, \$46; Sabbath-School General Fund, \$187.50; Children's Day collections, \$62.80; Union Biblical Seminary, \$312; Educational Beneficiary Fund, \$79.50; contributions to colleges, academies, and Seminary, \$2,782.46; conference church extension, \$998.98; Contingent Fund, \$533.93; delegates' expenses to General Conference, \$29.05; total for all purposes, \$65,078.95.

*Property*—Number of church-houses, 72; value of church-houses, \$273,074; number of parsonages, 21; value of parsonages, \$41,175.

*Miscellaneous*—Time employed by pastors, 480 months; number of Minutes wanted, 2,459.

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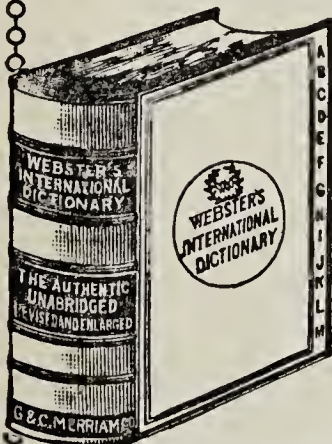
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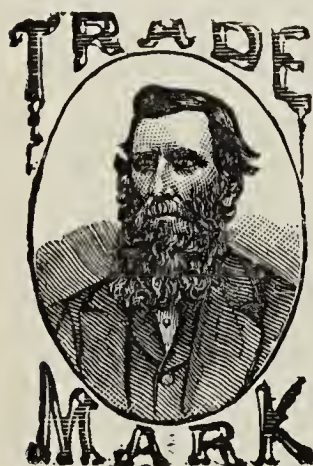
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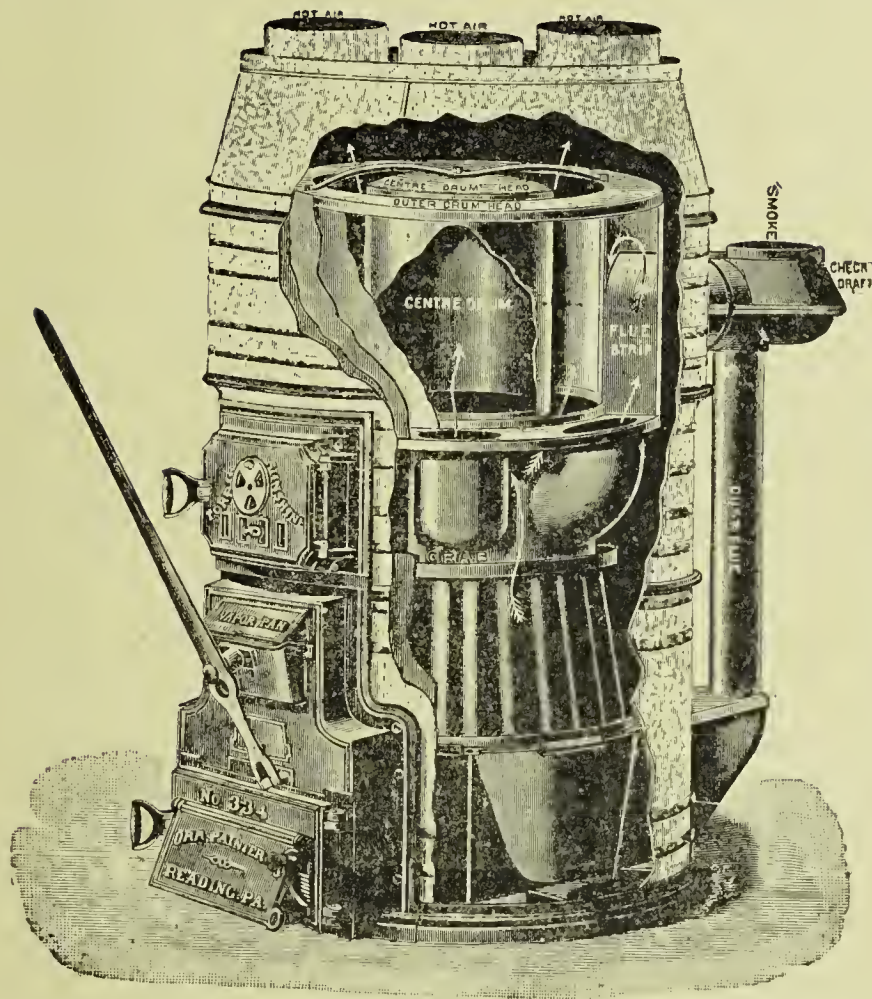
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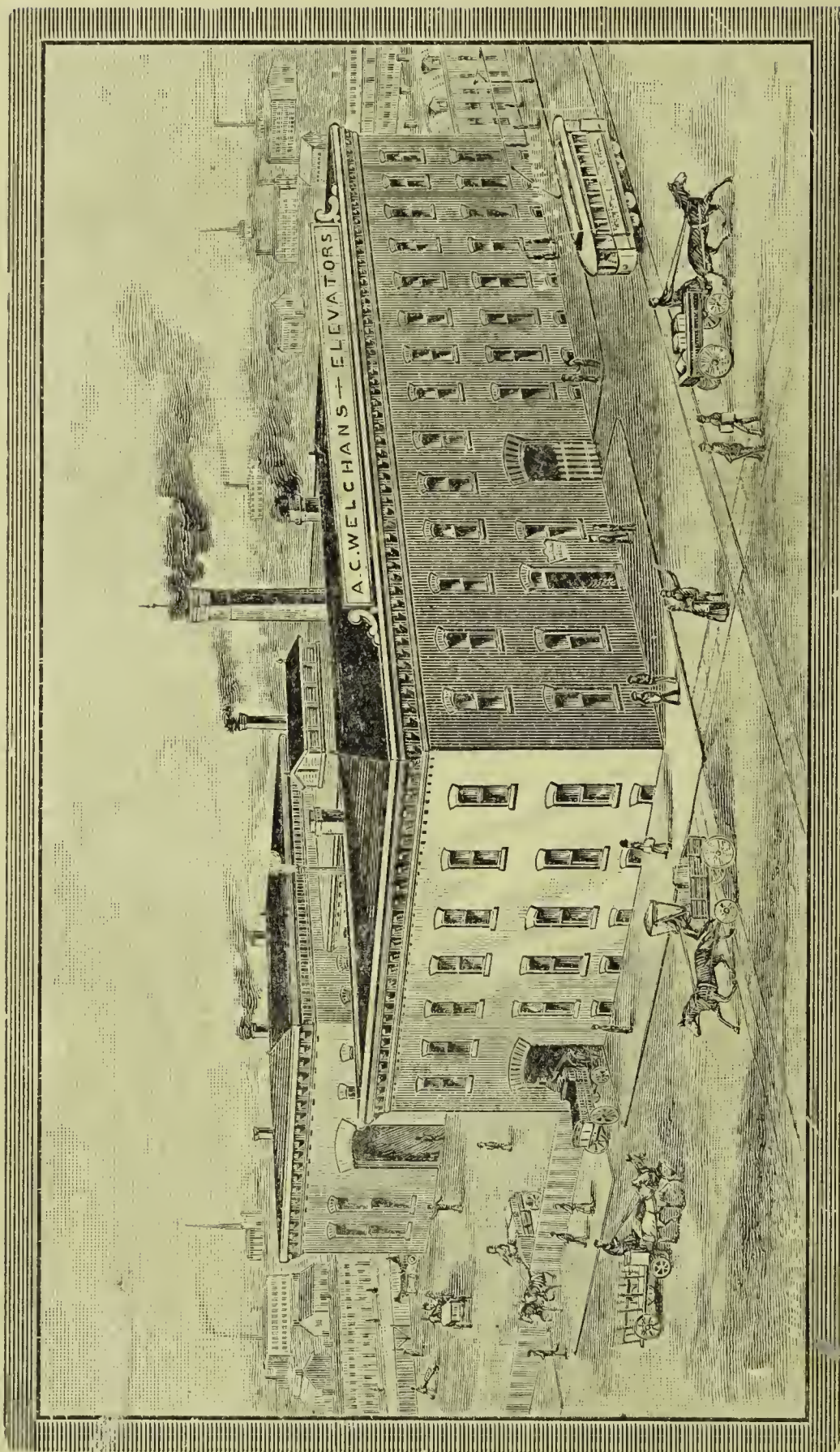
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